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Toronto Area LEFT CAUCUS

Tuesday, January 29th

7:30 pm

A Meeting and an Educational

- to elect new Toronto area Executive Nominees
- to present a discussion on:

THE ATTACK ON OUR NDP NATO POLICY: Where is it Coming From ? How should we deal with it?

Presentation by Gord Doctorow- Chairman of the NDP Anti-war Committee. Discussion to follow.

Also: /

-A report on the Upcoming NDP Women's Caucus Convention.

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Coming Soon in March: The Annual Ontariowide NDP Left Caucus Convention.

Many have noticed that neither Pierre Trudeau nor Brian Mulroney has shown willingness to bring basic foreign policy questions before the Canadian people for decision by your representatives in Parliament. Now our NDP federal executive invites us to consider whether the NDP's voice will be more effective in criticism of NATO if the NDP endorses Canada's membership.

The Foreign Policy Committee of Spadina NDP is sponsoring a public forum on this subject on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at 25 Cecil Street (Steelworkers' Hall). Speakers from both pro and con will be invited.

I strongly encourage you to partake in this important discussion. I would like to hear from you on this issue and look forward to seeing you on March 18.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Dan Heap

Dan Heap
MP Spadina

DH:fc

February 26, 1985

Dear Left Caucus Supporter:

We feel it is no exaggeration to say that the Left Caucus, with all those in the NDP who support the present out-of-NATO policy, faces its most important challenge. The leadership of our federal party, through the International Affairs Committee, wants the out-of-NATO policy reversed. This proposed abandonment of party policy will give aid and succor to those opponents of all NDP policies, especially those who support all of NATO's (read Reagan, read the U.S. military) aggressive military aims, including its frightening escalation of the nuclear arms race. To reverse our out-of-NATO policy will be a monumental setback to our party, our movement. It must be defeated.

Since the last major challenge to the party policy in 1981 the situation for world peace has worsened. The arms drive, the nuclear arms drive, has intensified; there is war in Central America and the Middle East. NATO has been there and will be there; in whatever guise, the most serious threat to world peace today. Yet some in the NDP are arguing that Canada can influence NATO, perhaps in alliance with Labour/Social Democratic governments in the U.K. and the Federal Republic of Germany. Forty years of history, and without any doubt the last 4 years of history, gives lie to those arguments. NATO is not a democracy, not a debating club, it is a means of tying member nations to the U.S. nuclear and war machine. James Callaghan, Pierre Trudeau, and real events in 40 years of history have confirmed this point. To have an impact on the nuclear arms drive, the war drive, Canada must be able to have an independent foreign policy, and must break with aggressive military alliances that prevent that.

To promote this position the Left Caucus Steering Committee has organized a public forum and a conference (see enclosed flyer). This is a complex and frightening issue. Understanding it in all its ramifications, and organizing to fight it, is the big job your Steering Committee is proposing to undertake. Because of the dramatic changes in world events in the last 4 years we have made the theme "Strengthening the NDP's Out-of-NATO Policy". This does not mean dissatisfaction with the present policy, it means it is more necessary, more relevant than ever.

The political significance of the forum, with its line-up of anti-war activists, speaks for itself. This is the most important forum the Left Caucus has ever organized.

We look forward to seeing you on March 29 and 30th. Spread the word about the forum and the conference! This issue involves our future, everyone's future.

For the Steering Committee,

DAVID TOMCZAK
Co-Chair, Steering Committee
ONDP Left Caucus

MARY ROWLES
Co-Chair, Steering Committee
ONDP Left Caucus

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR HIGH PARK-PARKDALE

Moved by Lois Bedard and John Morton

Whereas N.A.T.O. from the time of its inception, has been nothing but a military alliance, dominated by and designed to serve above all else, the government and institutions of the capitalist and imperialist United States of America, committed to the myth of stopping war by super-power deterrence, and

Whereas our party is committed to socialism, to world peace, and to disarmament, above all to nuclear disarmament;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we reaffirm our position of Canadian withdrawal from N.A.T.O.

RESOLUTION TO ONDP LEFT CAUCUS CONFERENCE, MARCH 30, 1985
FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Be It Resolved That the ONDP Left Caucus reaffirm its support of the federal NDP's existing out-of-NATO policy, and

Be It Further Resolved That ^{the ONDP Left Caucus} organize to defeat the leadership's proposed dumping of our out-of-NATO policy.

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Dear brothers and sisters,

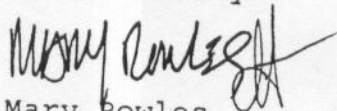
Enclosed is background material we hope you will find useful in preparation for the coming Conference on NATO.

It includes the discussion paper released by the International Affairs Committee of the Federal Party, and a position paper by Simon Rosenblum, both of which put forward the line that the NDP should change its traditional policy on moving Canada out of NATO.

There is also a critical article on Canada's involvement in NATO, and a copy of a resolution passed by Trinity Federal NDP, which sets out several reasons for staying out of NATO.

We hope that the Conference on March 29th and 30th will provide an opportunity for New Democrats to fully discuss NATO, and how to maintain the Party policy on this important issue.

In Solidarity



Mary Rowles
David Tomczak
co-chairpersons

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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES: THE NDP, NATO, AND THE PEACE MOVEMENT

- WHEREAS President Reagan, the acknowledged leader of the NATO alliance, maintains a confrontational posture and upholds the most simplistic views on relations between the super-powers, and persists in dangerous acceleration of the nuclear arms race through cruise missile deployment and the development of a "Star Wars" strategic capability in space;
- AND WHEREAS the Canadian people have long expressed their support for a foreign policy of international reconciliation and cooperation, based on the United Nations and its agencies;
- AND WHEREAS such a foreign policy is fundamentally at odds with longstanding policies of the U.S. State Department, which supports and engages in both armed intervention and covert subversion in and against other sovereign nations, and which refuses to acknowledge World Court jurisdiction over such actions;
- AND WHEREAS the fundamental principles of the New Democratic Party are directly opposed to NATO's historic policies towards Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America;
- AND WHEREAS NATO's claim to represent democracy has been forever called into question by its complicity in the dictatorship imposed on the people of Greece, and through its direct material support of the former Portuguese dictatorship in a colonial war against African peoples;
- AND WHEREAS the NDP has always upheld the principle that a strong and vibrant peace movement is necessary to prevent the annihilation of life in nuclear war, and joins the majority of Canadian people in desiring a government commitment to peace through the reduction of nuclear weapons and testing by all sides;
- AND WHEREAS the true interests of humanity can only be served by implementing active policies of peace through the allocation of resources for the elimination of world famine and cooperative assistance to "developing" countries;
- AND WHEREAS being a member of NATO prejudices Canada's role in achieving the above-mentioned policies and continues to raise the spectre of U.S. nuclear weapons stationed on Canadian soil;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP reaffirms its long-standing policy on NATO, and continues its support of the peace movement in its effort to secure a safer and more just world.

WHEREAS the NDP recognizes that growing global militarism, fostered by both the NATO and Warsaw alliances, is an increasing threat to national and international democratic institutions, and

WHEREAS the NDP recognizes that NATO members have consistently been in violation of Article #1 of its treaty which commits "the parties to refrain from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and

WHEREAS throughout the 36 year history of NATO it has been dominated by the U.S.A. and

WHEREAS the centre-piece of NATO military strategy is the first use of nuclear weapons, and

WHEREAS even a limited nuclear war could create a climatic catastrophe which scientists refer to as a "nuclear winter", and

WHEREAS the NDP is strongly opposed to the militarization of outer space and NATO membership deters Canada from condemning the U.S. "star wars" scenario (S.D.I.), and

WHEREAS Canada's primary military commitments should be identified as peace-keeping together with the maintenance of Canadian sovereignty along our maritime coastlines, and

WHEREAS Canada must strengthen the United Nations and other international institutions which are committed to peace, justice, and the non-violent resolution of international conflicts,

THEREFORE be it resolved and confirmed again that an NDP Government will not be a member of the NATO alliance,

Be it further resolved that the NDP commit the necessary resources to educating its members and the Canadian public on this issue.

Moved by: Tina Zink

Seconded by: Joe Barth

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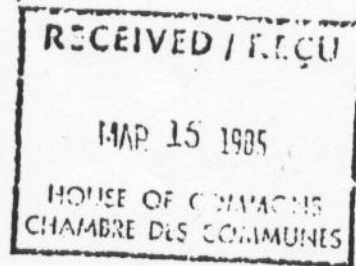
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to be active & help out
re: convention floor
activities.
Tina.

New Democratic Party of British Columbia

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March 11, 1985.

Nelson Riis, M.P.,
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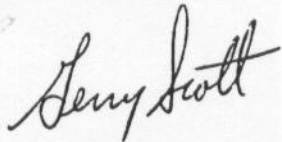


Dear Nelson:

Our Provincial Council passed the following motion at our most recent meeting:

"Be it resolved that the provincial council of the B.C. New Democratic Party demands that the federal council and the federal caucus uphold and abide by existing NDP policy on withdrawal from NATO, NORAD, and the Defence Production Sharing Agreement."

Fraternally,



Gerry Scott,
Provincial Secretary

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cc: Ed Broadbent, Federal Leader
B.C. NDP MPs

March 30/85 Left Caucus Afternoon Meeting

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Committee room activity | Larry

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Action Oriented Motions

① LC undertake to organize an ad
and obtain signatures to support
zone, Harry
Publish mid May!

- ② Pamphlet 2 & A → [Bob prepares a draft
for Steering Committee
Circulate
- ③ Public Petition → Dale Have it ready for Fed Convention
centralized TO Bell Browett
- ④ Public Forum ~~with~~ co-ordinate
May 9th
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(Found in 1985)

1. Whereas in Canada, the NDP alone has distinguished itself as the political force for nuclear disarmament.
2. Whereas NATO as a military pact, by its very nature, serves only to promote fear, reinforce the ideology of the Cold War, supports the military industrial complex and therefore acts not in our defense, but erodes our security.
3. Whereas NATO has become a first strike nuclear weapons pact.
4. Whereas Canadians will support the party that promotes a clear policy against militarism and the nuclear arms race.
5. Therefore be it resolved that the NDP in government will unconditionally withdraw Canada from NATO within its first term of office.
6. Be it further resolved that this policy become a key part of federal election campaigns and central to the ongoing work of the federal caucus.

from Edmonton, Alberta NDP Anti-War
Committee

Distributed as a Petition at the June/85 ONDP Provincial Council Meeting.

For 25 years, the ONDP has stood proud as the party of working people and their allies. This vision of an NDP polity and its prospect as a basis for a government has won the allegiance of than one in four voters in past elections. The idea of a government which would take on the old-line parties and their policies of subservience to the U.S.-dominated Canadian elite has clearly won significant approval. Unfortunately the dying weeks of the May 2nd election saw our leadership abandon this idea in favour of a soft sell, low profile campaign. With the electorate seeking an alternative to almost half a century of Tory rule, the Liberal Party, which moved out aggressively to meet this mood, filled the void left by the NDP and thus became the primary recipient of a strong protest vote.

As a result, our party was faced with the unattractive prospect of providing support for a Liberal government in order to oust the Tories and properly carry out the popular will of the Ontario electorate for a change in government. We realize and agree with the necessity of ousting the Tories from power by voting to support a Liberal non-confidence motion. We are not opposed to entering into agreements with other parties around specific issues we want passed. But the path of entering into a 2-year long agreement with the Liberal Party as part of a long term perspective of further minority governments as well as the prospect of further consideration for accomodation and coalition with the Liberals is a path fraught with danger for our party

The identity of our party as a distinct and consistent opponent of the Liberals has been put into question by our lacklustre campaign, our virtually indistinguishable platform and our public reluctance to face up to a possible snap election. In the process, the idea of an NDP government, which could return control of our economic and natural resources to its rightful owners, which could provide a distinct, progressive and socialist vision for the people of Ontario has been put on a back shelf, along with the idea that the NDP can form the government of Ontario, as though these ideas can simply be brought forth again at a more propitious time without any harm. In the process we compromise our greatest asset, our distinguishability as a party of clear alternatives and vision apart from the old-line political forces we oppose.

We realize that these issues and others are not simple ones, nor are they issues that have occurred only as a result of the recent dramatic events alone. On the contrary, those events themselves have resulted from the long term erosion of our party's identity as a clear alternative of principled difference from the other political parties that has occurred over a long period of time. As members of the ONDP, we feel that this direction undertaken by our leadership raises fundamental questions requiring discussion at all levels of the party. We call on the Provincial Council to initiate an ongoing discussion so that full input and consultation can be had from the membership. Without such a discussion and hopefully a change in direction in the party, we feel that an election after two years of supporting a Liberal minority government could be disastrous.

Toronto, June 14/85

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(Note by R.D.):

Excellent statement

scandal that it didn't really get out and that leading caucus members other than Beacher & in part Fred Gloger didn't participate in this debate

Perhaps the Left Caucus should hold a meeting - can probably do so before mtg Convention but should do so right after

take a bunch of copies of this to Ottawa for a left caucus display

DRAFT TO ACCOMPANY NEWSLETTER

July 20, 1985

Dear sister or brother:

Enclosed please find the first issue of the new Left Caucus newsletter. We hope, given your support, to make it a vital source of monthly information and analysis for our supporters and other interested party members.

We also see it as an indispensable means for knitting the Caucus together across the country, encouraging the formation of regional caucuses, and for giving the left a serious, sustained presence between conventions.

We believe the left has a real contribution to make to the party. But we cannot make it by coming together briefly at conventions and making a few hastily ~~considered~~ interventions from the floor. We have a responsibility to make a more considered contribution to the party, and that requires greater organization.

~~The~~ ^{(delegates from Ontario, where the} Caucus is most developed at present, ~~in Ontario, and~~ ^{these delegates} were mandated at the convention to begin this effort. We are prepared to continue until such time as we are able to convene a more formal pan-Canadian steering committee.

But we need your moral and financial support. We hope you will write to us with your comments and news and names of other interested NDP'ers who should receive this newsletter. We are also asking all our supporters to contribute \$25 to cover mailing and other costs associated with the newsletter. If you can afford more, we'd of course be grateful.

In solidarity,

For the Ontario steering committee, ~~for the~~

NAMES OF OLD AND NEW STEERING COMMITTEE
MEMBERS (WHOEVER IS INTERESTED)

MAIL TO: Left Caucus,
P.O. Box
Station
Toronto, Ontario

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ONDP Left Caucus
c/o Station G, Box 92
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Dear Left Caucus Supporter:

Enclosed is the first newsletter of what we hope will be a more regularized communication with those many of you who have been our members and supporters over the last number of years. We hope to publish it at least four or five times a year in order to keep you better informed on the issues facing our party. Our first issue deals with the recently completed Federal NDP Convention in Ottawa. This was definitely the most successful convention the Left has participated in for quite some period of time. We were well organized, argued our positions cogently and won some major victories in the process.

We hope that through the newsletter and other ongoing activities over the next year or two that we might be able to maintain that momentum into the upcoming provincial and federal conventions in 1986 and 1987. Currently our mailing list extends to over 550 supporters spread over every province and territory in Canada. Our strongest concentration remains in Ontario where the Left Caucus has been most active over the last few years, but the Federal Convention showed a strong potential for developing provincial Left Caucuses in Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba and allowed us to make some important contacts with the Maritime provinces and Northern territories.

In order to facilitate our continued activities we would like to request the following of you. First, we must update our files regarding addresses, phone numbers etc. and would like to obtain other pertinent information on our membership including Riding Association, Trade Union affiliation (if any) and activity in other political issue-oriented groups. Therefore we would appreciate it if you would clip the attached card and fill it out (print or type) completely. This will help us put you in touch with other like minded individuals as well as help us organize a better intervention on issues facing the left outside of convention. When and/or if provincial caucuses are formed, this information will be made readily available to provincial organizers for their use as well. While we will try to maintain our contact with all of you WE CAN NOT INSURE CONTINUED MAILINGS if we do not have this information sent back to us as soon as possible.

We also must ask that you send at least a \$7.00 contribution to cover the annual mailing and printing costs of the newsletter. While we will endeavour to mail all members, we can only guarantee it to each of you if we have adequate funds to do so. realize that many of you may not be able to afford this and some may be able to afford more. Any extra contributions are greatly appreciated as we have an accumulated debt in the vicinity of \$500.00 which needs to be paid off. Those of you who can not afford the \$7.00 should inform us of your situation so that we can take note of it. Our intention is not to cut off any member because of a lack of money, but to insure a working relationship among us all.

We will be happy to send anyone extra copies of the newsletter if you request such to pass out at your riding association, union local or other activities. We will also be happy to include any other additions to our mailing list, but all new subscribers must provide us with the information on the card and an annual subscription fee in order to be insured of regular mailings.

We will be facing an important test in the upcoming years in our ability to organize and carry forward the program of our manifesto within the NDP. Our party faces a number of major political tests as well both within the federal and provincial electorate. If we are well organized we can both help the NDP advance its case before the Canadian electorate and also advance our ideas within the NDP. In the process we hope that the left and progressive forces within Canada can find a unified and effective voice for their concerns and the social vision of a better, more humane and more equal society that pays attention to the needs of the working Canadians can be met and not be shyed away from.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

In Solidarity,

ONDP Left Caucus Steering Committee

Also enclosed, ONPP Left Caucus Draft Manifesto for the federal party, from 1983.

*NOTE: ONDP Left Caucus Conference
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1985

Details to
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(Annotated by →) Louis Bedard

1985

FOR A REVITALIZED, SOCIALIST NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

- 1 What's happening to our Party? The party is down in popularity. Our electoral prospects are poor. Ridings are inactive. Provincial Office is resented for treating party members as fund raisers and election workers. We don't have a broad youth movement. Though the unemployment crisis literally calls for the implementation of a shorter work week with the same take-home pay, the Party neither advocates nor defends such positions with clarity.
- 2 THREE WAYS There are three ways we can turn this situation around. First, we should boldly present our vision of a socialist solution. Secondly, we need a Party that sees itself as a social movement rooted in the campaigns of various groups seeking social change. Finally, we need an accountable Party that is prepared to defend our program.
- 3 MOVEMENT We lack a distinct political identity as a result of our support for Liberal policies such as in the Constitution debate and our piece-meal presentation of our program. As growing numbers join popular campaigns and movements, the opportunity for promoting an inspiring vision of a socialist society has never been greater -- a society based on human need instead of profit, on principles of cooperation, instead of exploitation, a society that would herald a world free from tyranny, greed and poverty. We want to take socialism out of the closet. We want to encompass the extra-parliamentary struggles for social justice.
- 4 SOCIAL MOVEMENT We need to root ourselves in the social struggles of women, working people, minority groups, the environmental movement and other groups fighting against war, for social justice and equality. These movements are the backbone of our Party. We want to appeal to the thousands who are now joining marches for peace and for jobs to revitalize our ranks with the vision of an NDP Government that can make the necessary changes.
- 5 DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABLE MOV We need a Party that is democratic and accountable, in order to attract many of the activists in the women's movement, the anti-war movement and the labour movement. We need a leadership that explains and defends our program on issues ranging from resource sector nationalization to freedom of choice. Much of the serious confusion within our Party stems from the failure of the leadership to defend our democratically decided program. We need educational discussions on daily issues within the ridings. We need to use Provincial Council meetings to discuss fundamental strategies for achieving socialism as well as fund raising and election work.
- 6 FOUR KEY STEPS We believe that there are four key steps which the Party should take in order to stop its 23 year long period of political drift.
- 7 First we need to popularize our vision of a society of full employment. We need in particular to support the Canadian Labour Congress campaign for a shorter work week with the same take home pay as ~~the~~ central strategy to create jobs. But we must ~~should~~ also guarantee the right to a job for every person in accordance with that person's abilities. To achieve this goal we must

repatriate our economy so that the distortions imposed by U.S. economic domination responsible for much of our structural unemployment can be eliminated.

8 Based on ownership of the decisive sectors of the economy, an NDP Government can implement a strategy to use our forests and mines as building blocks for rounded industrial development to establish manufacturing capabilities in heavy industry and high technology equipment. Hand in hand with these economic changes, an NDP Government would give full expression to the ability of working people to run their own productive institutions. This cannot take place by duplicating the privileges and hierarchies in the private sector as Crown Corporations presently do. Industrial democracy and self-management are key aspects of socialist democracy.

9 ANTI-WAR Secondly, we believe our Party must become one with the anti-war movement in the fight to end the arms race which threatens the annihilation of the entire world. The ~~entire~~ leadership of the Party must commit itself to build committees such as the NDP Anti-War Committee and gain the sympathy and trust of thousands of people seeking political solutions to the fundamental questions of peace and war. We should popularize our vision of an Ontario which declares itself a nuclear free zone. We should promote our vision of an NDP Government allied with the non-aligned powers and other international movements for disarmament, democracy, equality and national liberation. We should explain and defend our opposition to the U.S. dominated military alliances, NATO and NORAD.

10 CHOICE Thirdly, we should lead the campaign for the right of women to have freedom of choice. We must recognize the new abortion clinics as a vital contribution to the province's health facilities. We believe our Party needs to put forward a vision of a new society committed to the liberation of women. We should abolish sexual discrimination by developing a strategy to free women from job ghettos at the lowest rate of pay. We need to popularize the measures a socialist government would take to ensure women office workers benefit from the introduction of micro-technology rather than face unemployment because of it.

11 YOUTH Finally, we need a Party that can attract the disenchanted youth who are beginning to see that capitalism is not working. We need a youth movement that is active, autonomous and involved in the social struggles of other young people. A Party without a broad active attractive youth section has no future to look forward to.

12 We believe that the time for a fundamental turn in our direction is now. The twin challenges posed by massive unemployment and the threat of nuclear destruction means that socialism is no longer a mere choice - it has become the burning necessity of the moment.

Prepared by [Left Caucus
O.N.D.P.

(Found in 1985) *Leo Léclard*
LET'S SAY IT LIKE IT IS

A presentation to the federal Election Planning Committee
by the Ontario Left Caucus

Let's talk about the trouble we're in. No bravado, no whistling in the wind, but some hard truths that let us take the measure of what we have to do.

We may get blown out of the water in the next election. We're way down in the polls. The media aren't looking to us or listening to us--they're caught up with the battles within and between the Liberals and the Conservatives. And, frankly, we don't have that much to say, or, at least, our message isn't getting out.

Let's talk about why we're in trouble. We haven't been able to set the agenda on topics for public debate. Until we do that, we'll be sniping from the sidelines.

Let's face it: most people blame our economic mess on unions and the public sector. We've got to turn those attitudes around. That's our top priority. If we don't set the record straight, we'll be timid and defensive at the very time when we need to be strong and aggressive in pushing for social and economic improvements.

Let's face it: we've allowed others to steal some of our platforms. Trudeau's done that with peace and medicare. And we haven't hit his hypocrisy hard enough--like on Canada's voting against a nuclear freeze by the superpowers in the U.N.

Let's face it: when the old parties aren't stealing our platforms, we're stealing theirs. We sometimes try to present ourselves as better managers-of-the-store, better Keynesians, more astute donors to the right people in the private sector.

Let's talk about some new and hardhitting approaches. We've got to stake out our political territory. We have to come out swinging, with a bold and strong image. Let's name the system that's causing the problems. Let's talk about how deep and profound those problems are. And let's take our stand with the victims of that system.

Call it left-wing populism. Call it sharp and strident. But let's talk about the tragic contradiction between the needs and potential of our population and the impossibility of using that potential as long as private profit is the driving force of production.

Let's be as bold and imaginative as the Catholic bishops were in their economic statement. Let's talk about who's responsible for this crisis--the people in power, the big multinationals that call the shots and that throw Canadians out of work to move to Third World countries.

Let's take on the myths and prejudices about who's to blame. We've got to defend the unions from those who would bash them. We've got to defend the human rights of women from those who would deny them.

Let's name the alternative. It's not enough to talk about individual issues in isolation. Who's against jobs, peace and medicare? It's not enough to talk about a fair recovery. It's time to say this economy offers no hope of recovery for most Canadians.

Neil Kinnoch, the new leader of the British Labour Party has said it: "It is inconceivable that we could transform this society without a major extension of public ownership and control." It's time we said the same.

Our present course--of neglecting convention policy on issues ranging from resource sector nationalization to abortion rights for women; of talking about individual programs of social welfare; of mincing words and compromising ideals; of avoiding the centrality of socialism--has proven ineffective.

Let's talk about some new directions.

ONDP Left Caucus Discusses:

Public Funding of Roman Catholic High Schools

Friday, November 22nd

7:30 p.m.

Bloor Collegiate (1141 Bloor St. W.,
at the Dufferin
subway)

Speakers:

Diane Meaghan: Feminism & the
(1985 NDP Candidate - Catholic Schools Issue
York Centre)

Malcolm Buchanan: The Struggle to Preserve
(Past President - O.S.S.T.F.) Public Education

Gord Doctorow: A Socialist Perspective
(1985 NDP Candidate - on Public Education
York Mills)

ONDP

Left Caucus

Conference:

Saturday, November 23rd

9:00 a.m. . . 5:00 p.m.

155 College St. (Toronto Board
of Education)

"Political Action + Organizing
for the Next Year"

A.M.: Politics: - The Economy - Shorter Work Week
- Free Trade
- Social Ownership

- Separate School Funding
- Harrassment of Morgentaler
- Nicaragua

P.M.: Organizing: - Internal Party Democracy + Debate
- A new steering committee
- Organizing for the 1986
Convention
"An Alternative Slate for
the Executive"

For further information:

(and to put yourself on Left Caucus mailing list)

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David Tomczak (416) 536-6561

AGENDA

ONDP LEFT CAUCUS CONFERENCE

9:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION
9:30 - 12:00	POLITICAL ACTION AND ORGANIZING - 1986
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH
1:00 - 2:00	REPORTS - QUEBEC - ANTI-WAR
2.00 - 3:00	ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT - FINANCE
3:00	ELECTION OF NEW STEERING COMMITTEE
3:00 - 4:30	CONVENTION 86 REPORT RUNNING FOR PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

POLITICAL ACTION AND ORGANIZING IN 1986 – A LEFT CAUCUS STATEMENT

Adopted November 23, 1985

Twenty-five years ago, the ONDP was founded in the belief that a party of working people and their allies could take on the old-line parties and their policies of subservience to the U.S.-dominated corporate elite.

The expectation was that the ONDP could create a planned economy designed to meet the needs of working people and create jobs by placing the ownership and control of our natural resources in our hands.

Now, a quarter of a century later, a sober assessment is needed. Though one in four voters supports the idea of an NDP government, the prospect of power still eludes us.

We know that such an assessment of Ontario politics is taking place within the leadership of the ONDP. Bob Rae and Donald MacDonald talk about a stable three party system and of possible coalition government with the Liberals. Gerry Caplan, in an article he wrote for the *Globe and Mail*, said: "Here is the dilemma of the NDP in Canada: to remain true to its principles at the probable expense of permanently eschewing political power, or to move further to the centre where it risks losing its soul and becoming indistinguishable for the other 'liberal' opposition parties".

While we would never pose the dilemma the way Gerry Caplan does, the Left Caucus is admirably suited to responding to this much needed debate about political direction.

in 1983 the Left Caucus filled the vacuum when the federal Party leadership wanted a new manifesto. Our manifesto provoked a sharp debate and caused the leadership to back down from their full proposals. In 1984 the Left Caucus posed the issue of a revitalized, socialist NDP with a statement to the ONDP convention, views especially relevant in light of the 1985 provincial election. In 1985 the Left Caucus has had its greatest impact, winning both the out-of-NATO and the key economic debates at the federal convention. We know the Left Caucus can provide leadership in political debates within the NDP.

Our assessment includes the following points: The activist rank and file of the Party has now sustained the party through three successive elections in the last sixteen months – federal, provincial, municipal – each one signifying a lost opportunity for the party. In Ontario, our soft-sell, low-profile campaign permitted the Liberals to roll into power on a protest vote which was rightfully ours. This was not a departure from past practice but part of a continuing trend to cut the cloth of party principle to fit the perceived electoral

opportunism of the moment. The long term trend includes the repeated use of our membership as election fodder which has weakened our ranks, creating a sense of lack of direction and inactivity. A preoccupation with fund-raising and election-organizing activity to the detriment of more political ways of building the party at the grassroots level have kept the ridings from serious assessments of the challenge before the Party. Many members feel despondent and demoralized. The level of riding activities are at an all-time low. In fact the ridings are in a state of atrophy. Long-standing members, even key figures in the Party, have dropped out of active involvement. We have had problems convincing long-time supporters to even vote for us on election day.

The Party lacks a spirit of combativity and vigour. It has not boldly backed the growth of an active youth wing. The activist base of the party has become confused by a

leadership which too often ignores and forgets important convention resolutions. There is great unease about the role of the NDP in Ontario politics. Even now, the electoral prospects of the party depend on a risky accord with dangerous implications for the long-term viability of the Party. Support for the accord can only threaten party

independence by opening the door to coalition government. The Liberals are already backing away from reforms in the pact. Any reforms that are gained will be credited to the Liberals while the NDP sits in the shadows.

What is behind the present state of the Party? The NDP has not established itself clearly in the public eye. We are perceived as Liberals-in-a-hurry. Without a distinct image, without a consistent focus on the demands and needs of women, youth, minorities and the labour movement, our image becomes blurred.

The party has failed to stand up boldly behind its own program. We have compromised instead of explained, retreated instead of defended and responded instead of initiated.

The drift of the Party has now reached crisis proportions. It can no longer be business as usual. We will be challenged at the 1986 convention to take unequivocal positions on the burning issues of the day. We must become one with the women's movement in its struggle for freedom of choice and equal pay for work of equal value. We must rally the movement to preserve public education, which is opposing the fracturing of the secondary school system. We must defend the struggles of the labour movement, not as distant cousins, but as our strongest allies. We must bring the antiwar movement into the party and the party into the antiwar movement. We must campaign forcefully on economic issues such as the shorter work week, vastly increased public spending on socially necessary job creation projects, and public ownership.

The NDP in our province is fast losing its character as a grassroots organization of people fighting for peace and social equality while posing the need for a government of working people. The Left Caucus can change this process. The Left Caucus can provide leadership to the 1986 convention in bringing the Party to stand by its principles.

At this conference we must mandate the steering committee to take the appropriate steps to organize around the following issues, and to make sure they are put before the 1986 provincial convention:

1) Women's Rights

a: The provincial caucus must publicly advocate an end to the legal harassment of Morgentaler. The Party has the policy. Its leadership must speak out clearly. b: At this point it is impossible to know what kind of equal pay for work of equal value legislation the Liberals will bring forward. Our party is saying nothing about this, leaving the Liberals to set the agenda. Again, the party must be unequivocal in its demands.

2) Education

Our provincial caucus is supporting a reactionary bill further institutionalizing discrimination in education based on religious grounds. This is due to their support of a party policy adopted 15 years ago, and never properly debated since despite enormous changes in Ontario's society and its educational system. A clear majority of Ontario's people support a multi-racial/ethnic/cultural/religious society and all that means in terms of discrimination. That is why this same majority of Ontarians oppose the extension of public funding to Catholic high schools. The public secondary school system can provide a quality education for all, but not if it is fractured beyond repair by the funding of a competing, religiously based system. The Left Caucus must commit itself to the campaign to stop Bill 30. Party policy must be reversed. The Left Caucus will work with the New Democrats to Preserve Public Education and others to support public education and the struggle to ensure that public funds go only to public schools that are non-sectarian.

3) Jobs

a: With unemployment, especially youth unemployment, at persistently high levels the party must campaign for immediate introduction of the minimum standard established by the labour movement: the 35 hour week at no loss in pay with a corresponding ban on compulsory overtime.

b: The Tory campaign for free trade with the United States poses grave dangers for Canada's working class, especially our unions. The party must be actively encouraged to join with labour in the fight to save manufacturing and resource industries and an independent Canadian culture, and to develop a serious alternative economic strategy to deal with this question.

c: The campaign for jobs must be linked to public ownership and worker control in a planned economy.

4) Peace and Solidarity

a: The Party has consistently raised the peace and disarmament issue in the legislature and the House of Commons. They have clearly become the spokespersons for the largest social movement in Canada's protest history. Nevertheless, this is not reflected at a riding level. The Party has failed to bring the riding organizations into the peace

movement and the peace movement into the ridings. NDP Left Caucus supporters should immediately become involved in the anti-war struggle in order to pose the clear political alternative that the peace movement needs. The NDP Anti-War Committee has filled this need as best as it can. Its weakness lies in the fact that Anti-War Committees have not been formed throughout the Province. The Left Caucus should spearhead these formations. Affiliation of the NDP with existing peace coalitions is an essential first-step to dissipating the suspicion and antagonism toward politics in the movement as a whole.

b: The Party must recognize that a major element of building an effective movement against war is support for colonial and national liberation movements who face increasing imperialist intervention and aggression. Key fronts of this struggle are defense of the Nicaraguan revolution and Central American national liberation struggles, and solidarity with the struggle for Black majority rule in South Africa. The Party must throw its considerable mobilizing and political capacities behind the peace, anti-war and solidarity movements across the province. This could be facilitated by setting up a Campaigns Department that would lead NDP support efforts for such struggles.

5) Political Education and Activism in the Party

The NDP must become a place where real political discussion and debate takes place on a regular basis. It must also be a political home to those in movements for social change, not simply supporting them but giving back a real commitment to activism outside the parliamentary arena. To these ends the Left Caucus must commit itself to regular forums (a minimum of 3 leading up to the 1986 convention) and support for either central or riding initiated political action campaigns.

6) Municipal Politics

A significant commitment to real activism can be made in the municipal area. Formally the provincial party is in favour of this, in practice no real support is given and individual riding associations are very much on their own. NDP campaigns must be organizationally supported for they pose the NDP for power at the local level.

7) The Accord

We strongly oppose the accord with the Liberals and would not have signed it. The Left Caucus must find ways to educate the Party in the next period about the implications of the accord and attempt to encourage opposition to it while we build a broad campaign around the issues listed above.

O.N.D.P. LEFT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING - FRI. JANUARY 10, 1986

17 RADFORD AVE., TORONTO M6R 1Z5 - PHONE: 416 - 763-5916

A G E N D A

1. Call to order - 8:00 p.m.
Adoption of Minutes of Sat. December 7, 1985
Approval of Agenda
2. Discussion of prepared resolutions
 - a) Peace & Solidarity Zane & Chris
 - b) Education Manfred & Diane
 - c) Jobs Marv & Neil
 - d) Municipal Politics Leslie *Given David as a contact*
 - e) Women's Issues Lois & Leslie
3. Approval of the amendments to the document, "Political Action and Organizing in 1986"
4. Adjournment at 10:30 p.m.

ONDP LEFT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Saturday, December 7, 1985

CHAIR: Lois Bedard

ATTENDANCE: Burk, Spore, Musson, Zink, Hetherington, Seaward, Radeki, Meaghan, Nicholls, Fettes, Orenstein, Jones, Dowson, DeGaetano, Gloger, Gandall, Balkan, Boyd, Ross

1. Evaluation of Left Caucus Conference, November 23, 1985.
Consented that this was a well-attended and successful event.
2. Alternative slate for next ONDP Executive. Marv Gandall outlined the component issues attending an alternative slate: defense of public education, support for labour's demand of a 35 hr. week. He noted the new support coming from teachers and emphasized the importance of the alternative slate candidates being accountable to the Left.

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There followed debate on the merits and perspectives of a campaign related to an alternative slate. Campaign meetings are already planned for Ottawa and Toronto.

3. Newsletter. Marv Gandall was asked to prepare a newsletter for January mailing which would also include 1) the political action and organizing statement, 2) a statement of fundamental issues that the Left slate candidates would run on.
4. January 17th Forum in Toronto on Nicaragua. Contact person Diane Meaghan,
5. Next Steering Committee Meeting, Friday, January 10, 1986, at 8 p.m. at Christopher Ross's home, 17 Radford Avenue, Toronto M6R 1Z5, Tel. #416-763-5916.
6. Preparation of resolutions for the upcoming Provincial Convention. 250-word resolutions will be prepared on the following topics:

Peace and Solidarity

Women's Issues

Education

Jobs

Municipal Politics

Zane Boyd

Chris Ross

Lois Bedard

Leslie Nicholls

Manfred and Diane

Marv Gandall

Neil Fettes

Leslie Nicholls

7. Remaining items were referred to the January 10th meeting.
8. Amending the "Political Action and Organizing in 1986" document was referred to the next Steering Committee also.

Minutes taken by Christopher Ross, Secretary
ONDP Left Caucus

January 14, 1986

Dear Metro Toronto Area Left Caucus Supporter:

This is the first mailing since our November conference, which was well attended and very successful. A full report on that conference and current activities will be done in a province wide newsletter and mailing in February.

There are several items in this mailing:

- 1) Left Caucus Forum on Nicaragua - see the pink flyer.
- 2) Preliminary Draft Resolutions on education and world affairs - to get you thinking about resolutions to present to your riding/local - the resolution deadline is in early April for the June convention in Hamilton.
- 3) A letter from Judy Rebick, Diane Meaghan, Marv Gandall and David Tomczak inviting you to a meeting to discuss a campaign for provincial executive of the Party. This was discussed at our conference but the campaign is independent organizationally from the Left Caucus.
- 4) Draft Statement for the above campaign - see the green flyer.

Should you require more information don't hesitate to write or call.

DAVID TOMCZAK	LOIS BEDARD
Co-chairs, ONDP Left Caucus Steering Committee	
(416) 536-6561	(416) 233-1582

P.S. If you received this mailing but are not on the Left Caucus mailing list it is because the provincial executive campaign material has been piggybacked onto this Left Caucus mailing, to facilitate organizing for the January 27th campaign meeting.

January 14, 1986

Dear Fellow New Democrat:

As members of the NDP and activists in a series of social movements and the union movement, we are becoming increasingly concerned with the direction of our Party.

We feel that a thorough discussion on the strategy for building the Party is timely. It makes no sense to us that in a period of growing social struggle and an increasing desire for change, our Party remains a rather weak third. Even more importantly, we are failing to win the very people who could revitalize our Party and transform it into what it should be, a powerful force for social change both inside and outside of Parliament.

For this reason, we have decided to launch a campaign to provoke a discussion throughout the ONDP on the direction forward. As part of this campaign, we will be running a number of people for Party executive positions. Most of our candidates have a combination of experience in the party and in social movements. Judy Rebick, a well-known spokesperson for the pro-choice movement is running for President. In addition we are preparing a series of resolutions that reflect the issues and the organizational changes that we think will be key in the next year.

We are writing to invite you to a meeting on **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1986 AT 7:30 P.M. AT 56 WELLESLEY STREET WEST** to discuss organizing this campaign over the next few months. We have enclosed a draft statement which endorsers would sign. If you are interested but cannot attend and would like more information please contact David Tomczak at 536-6561 in the evenings before 10:00 p.m.

Please join with us in fighting for a reorientation and revitalization of the Ontario New Democratic Party.

In solidarity,

MARV GANDALL

DIANE MEAGHAN

JUDY REBICK

DAVID TOMCZAK

Organizing Meeting to Campaign for Provincial Executive

Date: Monday, January 27th, 1986

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: 56 Wellesley Street West
O.P.S.E.U. Bldg.
(near Wellesley subway station)

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If you agree with the general direction
of our draft statement, please come or
call for further information:

David Tomczak (416) 536-6561

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To accomplish this, we need administrative changes to turn the Party into an activist political organization. We propose the establishment of a campaigns department to orient ridings to key international, national, provincial, and local struggles that the party is supporting. Party organizers would work with riding executives to ensure that the ridings are deeply involved in these issues. Political education on the key topics of the day would be a priority. We propose to strengthen our traditional ties with the labour movement through a concerted effort to increase union affiliation.

Among us are key leaders of social movements, labour activists and long-time Party activists. Judy Rebick, a leader of the pro-choice movement and former treasurer of the ONDP Women's Committee is running for President. Marv Gandall, ONDP Provincial Council representative for the Ottawa and District Labour Council; Diane Meagher, an activist in the fight to stop the extension of separate school funding and a former NDP provincial candidate in York Centre; and David Tomczak, former Chairperson of the Metro Toronto Area Council of the NDP have also declared their intention to run for executive positions.

In addition to campaigning for executive positions, we will present a series of resolutions at this year's convention reflecting the strategy outlined in this statement. If you agree with our views, please contact us and join our campaign committee.

For more information contact:

LIST OF ENDORSERS ON OTHER SIDE.

(Note by R.D.)

Proposed Structure

- Travel subsidy*
- Search for candidates to SC*
- go back*
- 1. Co-ordinating Committee:** A co-ordinating committee composed of ten people from Toronto; 3 from Ottawa; and 2 from other regions in attendance will be elected. The co-ordinating committee will be responsible for overall co-ordination of the campaign; publications, publicity and decisions between general meetings.
 - 2. General Meetings:** Monthly general meetings will be held on a week-end day to allow attendance from out of Toronto. There will be three meetings before convention. General meetings will make the major political decisions of the campaign eg. who to endorse for executive.
 - 3. Sub-Committees:** The sub-committees are the working bodies of campaign. Each committee reports to the co-ordinating committee through a member of the co-ordinating committee sitting on that committee. All volunteers are welcome on the sub-committees.

The following sub-committees are proposed:

Endorsement Cttee: Responsible for co-ordinating getting endorsements and compiling them.

Organization Cttee: Contacting endorsers to organize delegate support in ridings; organizing regional meetings.

Speakers Cttee Contacting ridings and other groups for speaking opportunities for campaign spokespeople; scheduling speaking and preparing speaker's notes where necessary.

Fundraising Contacting endorsers for financial support; organizing a couple of fundraising events.

Trade Union Organizing endorsements and support in the unions.

addition of Public Affairs Cttee defeated

Marion

*Diane McLaughlin
Judy Rebeck
David Tonozaka*

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*5/10 - men
5/10 - women
valid ballot
5 women
5 men
5 women*

ANTI-INTERVENTION

WHEREAS the Federal Party is on record as being opposed to the system of apartheid in South Africa and U.S. intervention in Central America and is supportive of the Sandinista government in Nicaragua and of the right of all countries to self-determination and economic development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) To encourage NDP members and local riding associations to participate in anti-intervention and anti-apartheid coalitions.
- 2) That the NDP Provincial Caucus bring pressure to bear on the Government of Ontario to ~~oppose~~ ban ~~all~~ economic activity with South Africa.
- 3) The ONP at the provincial and regional riding levels be encouraged to provide cultural and educational exchange and financial support for the Sandinista government in Nicaragua including the possibility of twinning of cities in Ontario and Nicaragua.
- 4) That the ONDP demand that the Ontario government clearly oppose U.S. intervention in Central America and support the peace initiatives of the Sandinista government and the FDR/FMLN in El Salvador.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE RE ABORTION

WHEREAS the last convention of the ONDP adopted strong policy supporting freedom of choice and defending the Morgentaler Clinic; and

WHEREAS access to abortion is continuing to decline across the province; and

WHEREAS over the past few years there has been a concerted effort on the part of anti-choice organizations to pressure government to close down the Toronto Morgentaler clinic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ONDP speak out on and mobilize party members in the movement for:

- 1) Freedom of choice and repeal of the abortion laws;
- 2) A province-wide network of publicly-funded community-based clinics providing abortion services, including women's clinics providing a full range of women's health services;
- 3) An end of all harassment of Dr. Morgentaler including the dropping of all charges;
- 4) Having the Morgentaler clinic declared a "hospital" so that it ceases to be a target of anti-choice picketing;
- 5) Ensuring all publicly-funded hospitals provide full access to abortion services.

ANTI-WAR

WHEREAS the Federal NDP is on record as being opposed to Canada's present involvement in NATO and NORAD and to any participation in the Reagan Administration's Star Wars Project, and is in support of Canada being declared a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone; and

WHEREAS the NDP Government of Manitoba has declared the Province of Manitoba a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The ONDP declare its support for Ontario being declared a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.
- 2) A Provincial NDP Anti-War Committee be formed to promote these policies inside and outside the party including the encouragement of anti-war committees at the regional and riding level.
- 3) The ONDP urge all NDP members and local NDP ridings to participate in local peace organizations.
- 4) A budget for these activities be submitted to the next Provincial Council.
- 5) Representatives and candidates be encouraged to include these policies in their local campaigns particularly with reference to establishing nuclear weapons free zones at the local and regional levels and promoting the establishment of peace curricula at educational institutions.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

WHEREAS socialist countries in Europe, Africa and Scandinavia have long provided universal early childhood education in order to create greater social equality and justice; and

WHEREAS the Ontario NDP has separate policy initiatives supporting universal early childhood education, heritage languages, bilingualism, daycare of all kinds, trilingualism, special education, etc., all of which initiatives must be integrated to best serve the children and parents of our society; and

WHEREAS this integration into a pattern of lifelong learning must direct the timing of the provision of such educational services in such manner that the disciplines are introduced according to the child's optimum capacity to absorb - not, as in the past, according to the system's facility to provide;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Ontario NDP is committed to the provision of publicly funded, universal, non-compulsory, all-day early childhood education from the age of 2, operated by fully qualified E.C.E. teachers, in local community school settings under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, in direct co-operation with - if not sharing the same facilities as - the existing infant care and school-age daycare workers.

RESOLUTION re AIDS

WHEREAS the rapid increase in the incidence of AIDS across Ontario threatens not only high-risk groups but also the population at large,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

gathering together people of special skills

1. That funding be made available for the operation of community-based AIDS support groups.

2. That funding be made available to provide for hospices to care for patients diagnosed with AIDS.

*long term live in
terminal - can it be dealt
any other way*

3. That the Ministry of Health be funded to carry out a comprehensive public education program about AIDS, not just for high-risk groups, but for the public in general; and also, that community-based AIDS support groups receive funding to supplement the Ministry's program to add information based on their specific expertise gained in their communities.

4. That a Zenith-telephone service be made available for providing information about AIDS to residents across Ontario.

5. That the right to hospital and other professional services be protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code as it applies to disability (explicitly including all stages of infection with the AIDS virus).

6. That the Ontario Human Rights Commission be advised to process complaints concerning AIDS in an expeditious fashion.

*physical handicaps - no sexual orientation
request - instructed*

7. That legislation be enacted to prohibit the use of testing for AIDS virus antibodies without the consent of the person who is or would be so tested.

8. That the Public Hospitals Act be amended to permit a person to designate any specifically named person to fill the role of next-of-kin or spouse with regard to the determination of treatment in case of mental incompetence, and in terms of directing the hospital about the disposition of remains.

9. That legislation affording protection to common-law spouses be extended to protect members of same-sex relationships, and specifically, that homosexual couples have the same protection of property rights as legislation provides for common-law heterosexual couples.

10. That in-service training of health-care personnel be conducted or made available concerning AIDS at health and hospital facilities.

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NICARAGUA

What's
cookin'
Ron?



re the Sandinista leadership "thugs," as U.S. President Reagan charged just last month, who are "drunk with power" and have turned Nicaragua into an "imprisoned," "aggressor nation, a base for subversion and terror"?

OR

Are the Nicaraguans, against staggering odds, establishing a new society, a socialist democracy in their country that is a challenge and inspiration to the oppressed and exploited peoples of Central America and the world?

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Friday, Jan. 24 - 8 pm.

Bloor Collegiate 1141 Bloor St. West
(across from the Dufferin Subway station).

DAN HEAP: Member of the Ottawa parliament for Spadina, some years Toronto Alderman and long-time unionist and social activist.

LOIS and WALTER STUART: School teachers, for many years active in the NDP and before that the CCF, in both B C and Ontario as candidates and recently as official agents for Lynn McDonald, M.P. (Broadview -Greenwood) and David Reville, M.P.P. (Riverdale.)

A PANEL OF EXPERTS: Including Phil Courneyeur of *Canadian Action for Nicaragua* who visited that country last year, and a respected representative of Toronto's Latino community.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact the ONDP Left Caucus
Station G,
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(416) 536-6561

Set by Union Labor

First of a Series slated over the next few months.
They will be on subjects of special interest
such as the Accord that the
Ontario parliamentary Caucus
has worked out with the Liberal government.

TIME
--7:30 P.M.

O.N.D.P. LEFT CAUCUS
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

---FRI.FEB.7/86.

LOCATION

D. TOMCZAK, S 375 MONTROSE AVE,

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PROPOSED AGENDA

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1. Minutes of the last meeting CHRIS ROSS
 2. Reports
 - a) Finances BOB KASHER
 - b) Forum of Friday January 27 DIANNE MEAGHAN
 - c) Resolutions for the APRIL 3 DEADLINE MANFRED NETZEL
 - d)
 3. FUTURE FORUMS
 - a) Dates of the next forums ZANE BOYD
 - b) Topics LEWIS BEDARD
 - c) Location DIANNE MEAGHAN
 - d) Forum sub-committee
 4. FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER and MAILING SUB-COMMITTEE DAVID TOMCZAK
 - 5) RELATIONSHIP OF THE LEFT CAUCUS TO THE LEFT SLATE DAVID TOMCZAK
 - 6) NEXT MEETING OF THE LEFT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

Judy Rebick for ONDP President



Judy Rebick is a well-known leader of the pro-choice movement and a feminist, active in the women's movement. She is a long-time member of the ONDP, becoming active on the ONDP Women's Committee four years ago. In addition Judy is deeply involved in the issue of equality rights for disabled people. Judy's work represents the combination of work in the Party and the social movements that we feel the Party should be moving toward. Judy is running for ONDP President on the platform of transforming the ONDP into an activist party. We feel that having a strong publicly recognized feminist as President of our Party will be a tremendous boost to the advancement of women in the Party and our ability to forge links with the women's movement and other social movements.

For further information, contact:

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	David Tomczak	536-6561 (eve.)
Ottawa:	Marv Gandall	230-9130
London:	Tina Zink	433-5067
Kitchener-Waterloo		
	Gail Mizra	579-3800
Hamilton:	Neil Fettes	529-7450

(Found in March 1986)

Campaign for an Activist Party



**"We want to present to
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of a party fighting with them
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- Support our resolutions
- Attend our meetings
- Become a Convention delegate
- Talk about the Campaign in your riding, union local, or community organization

(found in 1986)

NEW DEMOCRATS

Campaign for an Activist Party

Candidate: Gord Doctorow
Running for: Member at Large - Metro

PROMOTES PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY

Gord supports the platform of the Campaign for an Activist Party. He has worked hard in the party to organize and mobilize in the community at the municipal electoral level and in the disarmament movement. As a leading activist in the NDP Anti-war Committee, he has helped to organize the NDP presence at anti-war rallies, NDP speakers and internal party conferences to educate our party membership. He has developed policy statements and organized the sale and distribution of buttons and NDP literature. Inside the party he led the debate to reaffirm our anti-NATO position.

At various party conventions Gord has fought to put forward the principles of socialist democracy as expressed in the proposals of CAP; the shortened work week at no less in takehome pay as an answer to unemployment, affirmative action and women's rights, and solidarity actions by the party in anti-intervention struggles.

PROVINCIAL PARTY CANDIDATE IN YORK MILLS

As the NDP candidate for York Mills in the 1985 provincial election, Gord put forward our nuclear weapons free zone platform to deepen the idea that the NDP is the anti-war party. Running against the then deputy premier and former education minister, Dr. Bette Stephenson, Gord effectively challenged her government's record on education policy. Using his experience as an OSSTF activist and practical knowledge of the public education system, he put forward a clear democratic alternative. His campaign advocated NDP educational policy reforms while standing on the democratic and socialist principles of a non-discriminatory and universally accessible and excellent public education system. On behalf of York Mills NDP, he argued against extension of funding to Catholic separate secondary schools and to private schools.

This position resulted in the York Mills NDP achieving the highest vote it has ever received, 80% better than the previous provincial election. Support for this eminently sensible and fair policy was seen in the all-candidates debates in which the audience participants from all parties overwhelmingly applauded

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Judy Rebick

candidate for ONDP President

Topic:

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Sunday, March 2, 1986

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Toronto Board of Education

155 College Street, Toronto

For more information, contact:

Alternative Campaign, 35 Lewis Street, Toronto, Ontario M4M 2H2

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• **Diane Meaghan**

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Minutes of Left Caucus Executive Meeting April 10th, 2:00 pm
at Jeff's Apt.

Present: Lois, Gord, Esther, Manfred, Jim, Brenda, Bill, Jan,
Steve, Lois, Jeff

Not Present: Harry (on trip), Diane (family commitments).

Lois chaired:

Disussed Annual Conference of March 19 - well attended;-
excellent speakers;- financial success; well organised; well
chaired; good location; women's issues should be for everyone at
plenary session. Gord reported on ONDP Provincial Council March
26/27 in London.

Left Caucus Newsletter: organisation set up
Editors: Gord and Harry
Setting: Jan
Design and Layout: Jeff
Circulation: Jim and Bill
Mailing: Lois and Lois

Steve to bring proposal re more permanent piece of literature.

Treasurer's Report: \$822.95 in the black. Lois' expenses for
conference is still to be paid. Everyone on Executive requested
to pledge money for Left Caucus to ensure more stable financial
basis.

Fundraising Committee: Lois, Manfred, Esther, and Lois

Educational: read Left Caucus manifesto for discussion at next
Executive meeting

Left Caucus Picnic at High Park: Sunday May 29th 1:00 pm -
Co-chairs to make arrangements

Forum: Diane and Esther to coordinate a list of topics for next
Executive meeting

X Next meeting May 11th, 7:30 pm at Jeff's X

Adjourned: 5:00 pm

FOR AN ACTIVIST NDP!
FOR AN INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST CANADA!

Our Convention takes place as North American business interests and their deficit reduction hysteria promoted by the Liberals-Tories-Reform Party threaten the future of Canadians. There is a burning need for leadership to mobilize the victims of this policy against the right wing monopoly of federalist politics in Canadian. The challenge before this Convention is to understand the roots of the problem and to develop a program and strategy to resist it.

The real danger to Canada does not come from the Québécois who yearn, in their francophone majority, to take control over their destiny, and who can hardly be inspired by a federalist Canada which is increasingly coming to resemble a mere imitation of U.S. society. It comes from the tentacles of U.S. trans-nationals which choke our economy, grasp our resources, and mock our defences against their rapacious greed.

The Liberals, like the Tories before, have bowed down before the U.S. monopolies. Indeed, all previous governments have deepened the integration of our economy with U.S. capitalism, succumbing subserviently to the whims of their senior partners on Wall Street and in Washington. The Canadian powder monkeys of U.S. capitalism have proven so loyal that the United States Government does not seek nor need the formal loss of sovereignty by Canada with the sycophantic leadership of the Liberal, Tory, and Reform Parties to do their bidding.

Profit margins have become the primary criterion for all state decision-making. Canada's economic elite no longer pretends to maintain and defend what has made Canada unique and apart — its sense of social solidarity, the commitment to a basic modicum of rights to health, education and security, the social values which reflect the cooperative spirit which was the social victory of the CCF, NDP, labour, and farmer movements.

On the contrary, the major thought-shaping institutions of our society, including the media and government, have unleashed a cacophony of deficit-cutting hysteria in the name of efficiency, realism, competition and free trade. This coordinated drive aims to take away from Canadians what they have strived for and achieved over decades. The result? Bank and industrial profits soar while unprecedented cutbacks force millions of Canadians — youth and women especially — into unemployment and the daily degradation of grinding poverty. This is the irrationality of late capitalism: massive under-consumption by the lower strata of society combined with massive over-production of goods under the direction of the corporate elite.

The working people of Canada daily experience the convulsions of an unstable Canadian capitalism descending into the arena of international trade wars as a satellite of the United States. The Canadian people are searching for answers and for solutions. They are ready for an alternative. In part, these yearnings have contributed to the fracturing of the Conservative Party, the rejection of an NDP perceived as the left-wing of the Liberal Party and a growing disillusionment, even cynicism, with politics. Yet in large numbers Canadians remain far from defeated or forever committed to the populist right to whom have turned because no one else was there. Canadian workers still retain their sense of combativity, their desire to protect their unions, their willingness to fight to maintain their gains, their commitment to control their own destiny as a society and as a country.

The Left Caucus of the NDP believes that only the vision of an independent, socialist Canada can become the banner to rally the victims of state-enforced and created austerity, unemployment and loss of sovereignty. A bold vision of a Canada where Canadians share their productive wealth and financial resources for the betterment of humanity can counter the new, rapacious greed and consumerism engendered by a materialist, capitalist society. A clear program for an independent and socialist Canada

can reassert the values that historically gave the NDP and the CCF before it its broad and popular support among the dispossessed and hopeless and which united the best of each generation to fight for a cooperative society. The Regina Manifesto involved a commitment to abolish capitalism, not to reform it or run it better than the others. It meant taking back our productive wealth and allowing the producers to collectively decide how to administer the economy through workers' control.

It is the same spirit of social solidarity, this same sense of unity that gives labour unions and working people everywhere a sense of purpose beyond their isolated existence that the NDP must now tap into in order to reassert its presence as a relevant and dynamic political force. This it can only do by being as proud of its commitment to democratic socialism as the capitalist parties are to capitalism.

But more than this is needed. The NDP, from top to bottom, root and branch, leadership, membership and rank and file must implant itself in the social movements, both existing and nascent, to counter the erosion of our social and economic gains. We must be an activist party that joins people in struggle day by day. New Democrats must be seen marching with the Native peoples and not ordering them to jail, embracing the right of the Québécois to freely determine their future in whatever form they choose rather than echoing the Canadian establishment and blurring our distinct image as we did during the Charlottetown Accord debates. New Democrats must open the doors of the Party wide to the women's movement instead of dismissing it as a "special interest group". We must embrace the environmental movement, the movements for sexual equality and the movements for human rights. We must become the prime advocate for their rightful demands. This means going back to our roots as a broad-based social movement whose goal is to empower working people and their allies. Our role in Parliament must be subservient to this strategy rather than the determinant of our politics. We must ditch once and for all the practice of allowing Parliamentary manoeuvres to compromise our principles and create confusion among our supporters as was done in the past.

Only such a strategy can infuse the Party with a renewed and activist vigour and re-establish its now weakened base among the social forces that can guild socialism in Canada. Ultimately, to transform Canada, the NDP must once again become the proud voice of the labour movement and show the same political loyalty to the working class that the capitalist parties show to their corporate masters.

To move beyond our present isolation, we endorse the movement-building direction of Svend Robinson's campaign which most closely approximates the positions which the Left Caucus has always advocated. But his election as leader is only the first necessary step in the direction we must achieve.

The road to revitalize the NDP is clear — it means making our Party active 365 days a year under the distinct banner of a call for an independent, socialist Canada. Only such a Party can return the NDP to its historic role. Only such a Party can regain the credibility that we had when we were seen and understood to be committed to our principles and able to offer a clear alternative to the destructiveness of capitalism. Only such a Party can establish a socialist democracy as the immediate solution to the inhumanity and irrationality of capitalism.

The Left Caucus of the NDP seeks to facilitate communication and discussion among socialists within the NDP. We see the need for a broad, organized left within the Party to ensure that the leadership remains accountable to the democratically decided Convention resolutions and policies. Coordinated efforts are needed to root the Party in the daily struggles of working people in order to mobilize them to build socialism in Canada.

For further information or to join the Left Caucus, write us at:

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Toronto, Ontario M5P 1R1

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When + Where

Campaign for an Activist Party

Sunday, May 4th

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Judy Rebick
for
ONDP President



THE NEXT TWO YEARS: A strategy for building the ONDP
(Left Caucus candidates' policy statement for the NDP convention)

Submitted by the candidates for office listed on the back cover.

Endorsed by:

Why We Are Running

We are active in the party and in Ontario's labour, women's, peace, solidarity, and other social movements. Most of us hold leadership positions in these movements at the local and provincial levels.

We are running for office because the party's present approach is taking it farther away from the movements we represent, and threatens to consign the NDP to permanent third party status. This concerns us both as party and movement activists.

The party has no future unless it is seen to be as distinct from the Liberals as from the Conservatives — and as determined to form a Government.

In a period when the social movements we belong to are growing and engaged in significant struggles for jobs, peace, and equality; and when the desire for change in the province is more evident than it has been for 40 years, the party appears less distinct and less determined than ever to form a government. This is the perception of the ONDP as we have experienced it in our organizations during the last election and its aftermath.

Last year's election campaign, the subsequent pact with the Liberals, and the public discussion of the NDP's role as junior partner in a minority government, have all reinforced what has traditionally been the party's major obstacle to growth: the widespread perception that the only real difference between the liberals and ourselves is that the Liberals are the credible contender for power while an NDP vote is a wasted vote.

If elected, we would build the party along different administrative and political

lines. We would seek to disentangle ourselves from the Liberals. We would emphasize those features of the party's program and social base which clearly distinguish it from the two parties of the corporate sector. We would root the ONDP more firmly in the labour and social movements, who between them represent the interests of the vast majority of Ontarians. In alliance with those movements, we would work to form a government to decisively change the province's present structure of power, property and privilege.

The 1985 Election

We appear to run our campaigns on the basis of an unstated belief that electoral success derives from avoiding the contentious issues. The party generally appeals to the electorate in vague terms as being somehow more caring and compassionate than its opponents.

We favour campaigns which directly address the concerns of the people of Ontario and the organized movements which represent them. These issues are often contentious and separate us from the other major parties. We do not see any contradiction between campaigning on these issues and electoral success. Quite the opposite.

In the last election, the most immediate issues occupying the attention of Ontario voters were separate schools, unemployment, the Eaton's strike, and Toronto's free-standing abortion clinic. The party either shied away from or responded weakly to each issue in much the same way as did the other two parties.

It is true the party did valuable support work for the Eaton's strike — but only up to the point of the election, when it fell silent.

Together with the Liberals and Conservatives, we antagonized the public by avoiding the separate schools issue.

We backed away from the beleaguered Morgentaler clinic, then under siege by religious fanatics.

Our response to unemployment was weak and resembled that of the Liberals. We stressed measures to ease the impact of layoffs such as longer notice periods and improved severance pay. But we appeared reluctant to campaign for reduced work time — the central measure to avoid layoffs favoured by the labour movement, and the one which fundamentally distinguishes our approach from that of the Liberals.

We would have welcomed the opportunity to mobilize the party ranks in a campaign on these issues. We would have raised them repeatedly at our rallies. We would have tried to build on wide public support for choice, the Eaton's strike,

defence of the public school system, and reduced hours for more jobs and leisure. It is clear a campaign centered on these issues would have allowed us to significantly broaden our popular base; would have galvanized labour and women's movement activists behind our campaign; and, perhaps most important, would have isolated and exposed the Liberals' claim to be the party of progressive Ontario. Such a campaign could well have propelled us rather than the Liberals to the forefront of Ontario politics.

We recognize the constraints which would have been imposed by the party's position on separate school funding — the major issue of the campaign. We have tried to change that policy at past conventions. But even within the framework of existing policy, the party could still have campaigned for a unified, umbrella public board encompassing the separate schools — a position advanced by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation which would have given certain guarantees to supporters of the public school system, and have won us their support.

The Pact

The legislative pact with the Liberals was a mistake. The Tories could have been replaced with a Liberal minority government, and the Liberals held to their reform promises, without it. It is worth recalling that the party did not need a pact with the Trudeau Liberals in 1972-74 or the Davis Conservatives in 1975-77 to force these minority governments to enact certain reforms.

The pact has, in fact, weakened rather than strengthened the party's ability to force reforms and defeat unpopular measures. We are deceiving ourselves if we pretend otherwise.

The pact was negotiated from weakness, from fear of an early election, and it required the party to renounce its right to defeat the government on non-confidence motions. An opposition party's bargaining power in a situation of minority government derives from its power to bring down – or at least threaten to bring down – the government in much the same way a union's bargaining power derives from its power to stop production or services. By surrendering its right to initiate or join in non-confidence votes, in exchange for promised concessions, the party leadership signed the political equivalent of a no-strike pledge, with all of the same consequences.

The pact has made the party dependent on Liberal goodwill. It has left us with nothing more than the power to complain in the event of a Liberal retreat. It has inhibited our ability to press for reforms which are unique to our program by sanctioning only those reforms that the parties sought in common during the last campaign.

It will have us share responsibility for the government's actions without sharing

any corresponding credit resulting from reforms.

In the long run, as we have noted, the pact has eroded the party's political prospects by reinforcing the legitimacy of the Liberals and confirming the ONDP's secondary role. Far from salvaging something from last year's disappointing campaign, the pact will make it more rather than less difficult to attract candidates and voters in the next election.

We would not renew the pact next year, and we would reserve our right to repudiate it if the Liberals retreat on reform or take measures which strike at the interests of the people of Ontario.

Building The Party

The party has to develop its base within the labour and social movements, without which further progress is impossible. That process has to unfold not only in Parliament and the media through the efforts of our caucus members, but also — and perhaps even primarily — through the party's involvement at all levels in the campaigns of these movements, almost all of which we are on record as supporting. We presently do not do nearly enough in this area.

Accordingly, we would initiate the following reforms:

1. Campaigns Department. We would establish a Campaigns Department staffed initially by a labour organizer, a women's organizer, and a peace and international issues organizer. The department would be charged with developing the party's relations with Ontario's labour and social movements, not only at the provincial but also at the local level.

It would be mandated to provide political and technical support for strikes, demonstrations, petitions, and other actions in connection with extra-parliamentary campaigns undertaken by the labour and social movements: jobs. Star Wars, farm closures, abortion rights, Central America, South Africa, etc.

It would arrange with the caucus and the ridings for speakers and the mobilization of the party ranks. It would step up rather than reduce its activities in election periods as a complement to the party's electoral efforts.

2. Political Ridings. We would assist the ridings to become more what they were intended to be — political units involved in the struggles of their communities — and less of what they have become: administrative units almost wholly absorbed in membership and fund-raising activities.

This would require more time and attention by ridings to developing relations with local labour councils and affiliates, city- wide peace, women's, tenants, and human rights organizations, etc. It would require more attention to strike support and active involvement in the coalitions, forums, and demonstrations organized by local groups. We would lend provincial office support to ridings which initiate action coalitions around the causes we support, something which now occurs only sporadically and unevenly in the party, if at all.

Ridings will need to be relieved of the burden of their administrative responsibilities. We would direct party organizers to take primary responsibility for collecting memberships, as they do in the unions. This would free riding Executive members to reach members in other more meaningful ways.

We would reverse the present relationship between party organizers and the ridings. At present, it is the appointed staff reporting to provincial office who provide political direction and organize the administrative support activities of the ridings. We would have the ridings **elect** their organizers and direct their organizers' membership and fund-raising activities with funds provided by provincial office.

3. Increased Labour Representation. We would work to significantly increase the representation of organized labour in the party, especially at the local level. At present, less than 10 of Ontario locals are affiliated to the party.

Labour is not, as often portrayed, a conservative force. In many cases, the policies of the CLC, OFL and affiliates are in advance of the party, including with respect to reduced hours, public ownership, and public spending.

More active involvement by local officers and stewards and union activists across the province, most of whom are NDP supporters, would inject a new dynamism into the party. It would also provide the party with its most effective means of reaching the mass of organized workers in Ontario, a majority of whom are not yet NDP supporters.

To encourage trade unionists to become active requires a systematic campaign, involving the same energy and resources the party throws into PACRAT and other general membership drives. We would aim at significantly increasing the number of affiliations in the next two years.

We recognize the difficulties of securing affiliations in a period when most organized workers support the Big Business parties. As a transitional step, we would encourage the formation of NDP labour clubs, comprising NDP supporters in the locals who would

promote party policies and affiliation. NDP labour clubs would give the party the sustained presence it currently lacks in the unions between "parallel campaigns".

To encourage their formation, we would seek an amendment to the party constitution allowing labour clubs to enjoy affiliation rights until such time as their locals affiliated.

The public sector unions, the fastest growing component of the labour movement, represent a special challenge. They are grossly underrepresented in the party. Labour clubs would allow us to organize our growing support among CUPE, OPSEU and PSAC trade unionists, and in the case of the latter two unions, might provide the party with the means to work around reactionary federal and provincial laws which prevent their locals from affiliating to the NDP.

4. Policy Review. It will require more than organization changes to draw greater numbers of labour and social movement activists into the party. They will have to sense that the party, through its priorities and policies, is fighting on their behalf. It is only then that they in turn will consider the party worth fighting for over the long haul.

The party has many sound policies on the books, particularly with respect to the provision of social services and protection of minority rights and culture.

We would, however, review our policy in two major areas: separate schools and job creation.

We disagree with funding to religious schools. Education should be secular rather than theocratic, and the school system should be based on democratic rather than sectarian staff hiring and student enrollment practices. We favour a policy which would make any funding to religious schools subject to the administration of a single school board encompassing separate school representatives.

We believe job creation depends, above all, on two factors: a dramatic cut in the work week at no loss in pay, and a significant increase in public spending.

We would emphasize direct public spending on socially-necessary job-creation projects, e.g. housing, daycare, mass transit, etc. The party's economic strategy relies too heavily on a continuation of subsidies and tax breaks to the private sector, which a number of studies have shown to be less effective than public spending.

We would also try to bring the party into line with the standard favoured by the labour movement: the 35 hour week. We believe the party's current policy calling

for a legislated reduction in the workweek to 40 hours is inadequate. Most Ontarians already work 40 hours or less.

In June 1986

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YOUR CANDIDATES *(30 possible)*

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POW - REPRESENTATIVE

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6 remaining at-large equally divided male and female
Can be no more than 3 more males than females
Big form – max 50 words – no forms at convention*

Toward an Activist Party

We believe that a new strategy is needed to revitalize the Ontario New Democratic Party. Only by emphasizing our uniqueness as a party, can we hope to provide an attractive and popular alternative to the people of Ontario. We must move in the direction of rooting the Party in the energetic social movements who are fighting for equality, justice, solidarity and peace. Our traditional ties with the labour movement should be strengthened and similar links should be built with other social movements. Activists in the unions, women's, peace, anti-apartheid, anti-racist, disabled rights and Central American solidarity movements belong in the NDP. By allying with them, championing their demands and mobilizing party members in their struggles, we can transform our Party into a more powerful and dynamic organization ready to present itself as a challenger for governmental power, and an instrument for fundamental social change.

If we are going to change society, we must do more than simply elect better legislators. Working people, women and minorities must get actively involved in politics to make sure that changes meet their needs. Self-activation and self-reliance in politics is what the social movements represent. To begin with, we must change the party from a group of people who elect others to do politics for them to a group of people who themselves are actively involved in politics. This is the way to ensure that the Parliamentary Caucus and ultimately the NDP government is accountable to the people who elected them.

The present course is taking the party in the other direction, further away from our principles as well as from power at an accelerating rate. That is why we have chosen to declare our candidacies for Provincial Executive. The Party has no hope of progressing beyond third party status unless it sharply distinguishes itself from the Liberals, **not only in words, but in deeds**. In the last election, it failed to do so with respect to the issues immediately confronting progressive Ontarians --job-creation, separate school funding, and the defence of the Morgentaler clinic--and we know with what results.

These issues are with us still, and we will campaign to turn the Party around for the next provincial election, expected as early as this coming year. We will campaign too for the Party to more vigorously press its other urgent demands and those of the labour and women's movements which have become sidetracked by the legislative accord with Liberals: the 35 hour work week at no loss in pay; defense and extension of public ownership equal pay for work of equal value, mandatory affirmative action etc.

To accomplish this, we need administrative changes to turn the Party into an activist political organization. We propose the establishment of a campaigns department to orient ridings to key international, national, provincial, and local struggles that the party is supporting. Party organizers would work with riding executives to ensure that the ridings are deeply involved in these issues. Political education on the key topics of the day would be a priority. We propose to strengthen our traditional ties with the labour movement through a concerted effort to increase union affiliation.

Among us are key leaders of social movements, labour activists and long-time Party activists. Judy Rebick, a leader of the pro-choice movement and former treasurer of the ONDP Women's Committee is running for President. Marv Gandall, ONDP Provincial Council representative for the Ottawa and District Labour Council; Diane Meagher, an activist in the fight to stop the extension of separate school funding and a former NDP provincial candidate in York Centre; and David Tomasko, former Chairperson of the Metro Toronto Area Council of the NDP have also declared their intention to run for executive positions.

In addition to campaigning for executive positions, we will present a series of resolutions at this year's convention reflecting the strategy outlined in this statement. If you agree with our views, please contact us and join our campaign committee.

For more information contact:

LIST OF ENDORSERS ON OTHER SIDE.

Campaign for an Activist Party

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Dear Fellow New Democrat:

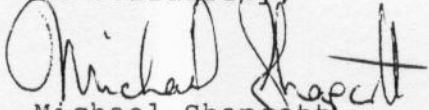
By now, most of you know that the Campaign for an Activist Party (CAP) has been formed by dedicated New Democrats and social activists to revitalize the ONDP. I am writing to invite you to our gala dinner and dance on June 7 and our general meeting on June 8 (full details are printed on the reverse side of this letter).

Our aim to introduce positive, progressive reforms. As we say in our statement: "We want to present to the people of Ontario our vision of a party fighting with them side-by-side for social justice and acting as their voice in the legislature."

CAP is endorsing Judy Rebick for ONDP president. We have endorsed Malcolm Buchanan, Mary Rowles, and George Ehring for vice-presidents; David Tomczak for treasurer; Marv Gandall for federal council; and seven others for members-at-large. Collectively, these people possess decades of experience in the NDP and the social movements. We have gained support across the province. At public meetings in a number of locations, we have gained hundreds of supporters.

I hope to see you on June 7 and June 8!

In solidarity,



Michael Shapcott,
for the Campaign for an Activist Party

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Campaign for an Activist Party

— 1986 ONDP CONVENTION NEWS —

CAP wants to revitalize Ont. New Democratic Party

The Campaign for an Activist Party (CAP) was formed in the fall of 1985 by a group of dedicated New Democrats and social activists. We want to revitalize the Ontario New Democratic Party with a strategy which, at its root, stresses strong links with the many energetic and progressive social movements and deepen our links with labour.

"We want to present to the people of Ontario our vision of a party fighting with them side-by-side for social justice and acting as their voice in the legislature," reads CAP's Statement of Principles, printed inside. "We believe that a revitalized NDP can inspire great popular support."

At a general meeting early this year, a co-ordinating committee was elected to organize the work of the campaign. Local groups and individuals took key organizing roles in regional centres, such as Ottawa, Kingston, and London.

Most party members joined the ONDP because we want social change—we want to fight for equality, justice, solidarity, and peace. We believe that the ONDP should stress principles and activism in order to sharply distinguish itself from the Liberals. We are convinced that this will broaden our electoral base, not narrow it—as some fear.

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Mark your Convention calendar

•Judy Rebick, CAP candidate for ONDP president, will be debating Gillian Sandeman on Friday, June 20, at supper, in a forum sponsored by the ONDP Women's Committee. Everyone is welcome at this important event. Details on time and location will be available at convention.

•On Friday evening, CAP will hold its major general meeting of convention. We will be discussing the election campaign, our resolutions, the separate school question, and other matters of vital importance. Plan to attend this event.

CAP CANDIDATES

JUDY REBICK FOR PRESIDENT: Well-known leader of the pro-choice movement; active in campaigns for women, employment equity for disabled, and against extra-billing; Oakwood NDP executive.

MALCOLM BUCHANAN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: OSSTF president, 1982 to 1985; active in coalitions against free trade, for first contracts, pay equity and childcare; NDPer since 1968; held many executive jobs on Hamilton West and Centre NDP.

MARY ROWLES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: Vice-president and former president, ONDP Women's Committee; Women's Committee executive member since 1982; research and campaigns officer with the OPSEU; member, Scarborough Centre NDP.

GEORGE EHRLING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: Vice-president, ONDP; legislative assistant to Richard Johnston, MPP; former UAW staff representative; managed election campaigns for Johnston and Dan Heap; member, Eglinton NDP.

DAVID TOMCZAK FOR TREASURER: President, ONDP Metro Toronto Area Council, 1981 to 1985; co-chair, ONDP Left Caucus; treasurer, one of Toronto's largest daycare centres; executive member, St. Andrew's/St. Patrick NDP since 1979.

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Campaign dept. could transform NDP

If the NDP is going to win the support of people concerned about specific social and economic issues, we must be seen to be actively working with the feminist community, environmental groups, labour, peace and other movements to achieve their goals. Good policies on the books aren't enough. We must put to work the energy and commitment of New Democrats who joined the party to bring about real social and political change. At the riding level, in our communities, and on a province-wide basis, the party must put organizational support behind groups fighting for social change.

Many riding associations already work on anti-nuclear demonstrations, walk picket lines, campaign for women's shelters, and work on local environmental issues. The party must start to assist them in this work and to encourage other ridings to follow their example.

A genuine commitment to social activism demands some organization changes. A campaigns department similar to those operating in trade unions must be established at provincial office. It's not enough to endorse the idea of social action, then to put a campaigns department on hold until funds become available. This approach has left us without a women's organizer six years after convention recognized the need for one. Our ability to work with women's groups, to elect women candidates, and to attract women voters has suffered as a result.

We must redirect the energies of the paid organizers now on staff at provincial office. In a campaigns department, they would help ridings get involved in major social and la-

bour struggles and develop province-wide campaigns, as well as campaigns tailored to local issues. A riding that wants to mobilize around a plant shutdown or fight for daycare in their community would get practical assistance do public work on a regional issue—for example, chemical spraying in northern Ontario—they should get organizational help to develop and implement the campaign. The sixteen executive members-at-large, in addition to taking on the membership and fundraising work that now preoccupies provincial office staff, should act as liaison between the regions they represent and the party. They should convey to the executive some sense of issues that can form the basis for provincial action.

Province-wide campaigns should reflect the needs and requests of the ridings. Riding associations that want a provincial campaign around some specific event or struggle should be able to place their request before provincial council. Council should direct that such a campaign be developed and co-ordinated for ridings willing to take part. If it's a limited action or a broader campaign, provincial organizers should provide assistance to riding activists and the organizational resources should be equitably shared between ridings where we are a distant third and ridings where we expect to win.

On picket lines, at choice demonstrations, in daycare coalitions and anti-racism struggles, the NDP will be there. Our activism will win enthusiasm, financial support, and membership from community activists and from voters who are convinced of our commitment to their issues.

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Statement of Principles

A New Strategy

As concerned New Democrats, we believe that a new strategy is urgently required to revitalize the Ontario New Democratic Party. This strategy must emphasize our uniqueness as a party and our history as a social movement. If we are going to change society, we must do more than simply elect better legislators. The NDP should root itself in the energetic social movements which are fighting for equality, justice, solidarity, and peace. By stressing principles and activism, we can sharply distinguish our Party from the Liberals in words and deeds and, in so doing, significantly broaden our electoral base.

Defend the Needs of Working People

We feel that the Party's present course is taking us in the other direction, further away from our principles as well as power. The Party must speak out now on:

- our socialist program for job creation (a shorter workweek with no loss in pay; unequivocal rejection of "free trade" with the United States);
- preservation of public education (opposition to extension of funding to separate schools);
- the fight for free-standing clinics and defence of Dr. Henry Morgentaler; and,
- opposition to the war drive and solidarity with liberation struggles around the world.

We must also speak out on Party policy that has been sidetracked by the legislative Accord with the Liberals.

Align with Social Movements

By aligning with social movements and mobilizing Party members in their struggle, we can transform our Party into a more powerful and dynamic organization. Our traditional ties with working people throughout the labour movement must also be strengthened. We should make a concerted effort to increase union affiliation. The NDP can present itself as a real alternative for governmental power, and as an instrument for fundamental social change.

For an Activist NDP

This re-orientation is required before the next election. Administration changes are needed to turn the Party to an activist stance. We propose that a campaigns department be created to link ridings to key international, national, provincial, and local struggles that our Party is supporting. Ridings and affiliated locals must be deeply involved in these issues.

We Can Succeed

An activist NDP can deliver the progressive social change that Ontarians need, such as jobs, adequate housing, equality for women and minorities, and a public school system that meets the needs of all children. We want to present to the people of Ontario our vision of a party fighting with them side-by-side for social justice and acting as their voice in the legislature. We believe a revitalized NDP can inspire great popular support.

A Plan of Action

In addition to circulating this statement, we will be presenting a series of resolutions at the June provincial convention and endorsing a number of candidates for executive who share our vision. For president, we endorse Judy Rebick, a leader of the pro-choice movement and long-time Party member. We believe that Judy's work in the Party and the women's movement points in the direction of the re-orientation we are seeking.



Activism a solution to the ONDP's financial crisis

Transforming the NDP into an activist party will, we are convinced, help solve our financial crisis.

We have considerable experience to show that party activism and fundraising success go hand-in-hand. Candidates like Dan Heap and Richard Johnston, who are seen by activists outside the party as fighting for their cause, rarely have trouble raising money. In the last federal election, Toronto progressive lawyers raised money for Svend Robinson in B.C. because he fought so hard for issues that they care about.

There are two reasons why people contribute to political parties. They believe that their contribution will bring some personal benefit or they believe in what the party stands for. Most contributors to the Tories and Liberals fall into the first category; most contributors to the NDP fall into the second. They are people who believe that social change is necessary. They will contribute when they see that the NDP is making a difference, having an impact and fighting for their cause.

CAP thinks that we should change what we're spending money on. Our resources should be spent promoting the central struggles of the day, indicating our involvement as a party. Instead of focusing on personalities, we should be focusing on issues.

In fundraising, it is generally agreed that "program-oriented" appeals are the most successful. A non-profit organization ties its appeal to a specific project or accomplishment so that people feel that their contribution will be spent on something they support. While political fundraising has some differences, the same principles can apply. We believe that fundraising tied to specific party

campaigns will be much more successful than general appeals based on overall support for the party.

The more visible and vocal the party, the more we will inspire financial support. In an activist party, fundraising will become a key element of every campaign. If we are, for example, organizing in solidarity with Nicaragua in face of an American threat, we would develop lists of people who feel strongly on this issue.

We would combine some general direct mail with specific, targeted mailing related to our campaigns. Similarly, our TV advertising during elections would be linked to specific issues so that our supporters would feel that we were using their hard-earned money to educate on issues as well as to promote the party.

If we can transform the party at every level into an activist and politicized party, our members and supporters will feel more inspired and more confident. Positive inspiration is much more powerful for fundraising than negative crisis-mongering. When our members and supporters see that we are vocally and visibly standing up and speaking out on the key social issues, they will be much more willing to reach into their pockets. When they see that the ONDP is a going concern, they'll be sure that we can keep going.

In an activist party, education and political activity at the riding level will become more important. We will re-examine the financial relationship between the central office and the ridings with a view to increasing riding resources.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

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The three of us below are planning to stand for provincial Executive at the 1986 ONDP convention. Judy, after much encouragement by a number of people, has agreed to run for President of the party.

We believe a campaign centered around Judy's candidacy has the potential to become the most significant and enthusiastic movement of the left in the party since the Waffle. Judy is widely known and respected as a party activist -- she is on her riding Executive and is a former Treasurer of the ONDP Women's Committee -- and for her public role in defence of the Morgentaler clinic. We would like to see others stand with us who have a similar combination of experience in the party and labour or social movements.

We view this as a collective effort. Too often, we have passively endorsed "upwardly mobile" candidates who, however well-meaning, have been reluctant to identify with the left and its program and who, as individuals, have had little impact on the party's consciousness and policies. We seek instead to involve the left in our campaign, to be accountable to it, and to gain it, if not yet victory, at least enhanced respect and credibility as an organized force in the party.

We want the party to have a similar relationship to labour and the social movements. We want it to identify more clearly with these movements and their programs, to mobilize and be accountable to them, and to recognize that it cannot hope to come to power and exercise it effectively without their enthusiastic

mass support.

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The present course is taking the party in the other direction and further away from power at an accelerating rate, and that is why we have chosen to declare our candidacies at this time. The party has no hope of progressing beyond third party status unless it sharply distinguishes itself from the Liberals, not only in words but in deeds. In the last election, it failed to do so with respect to the issues immediately confronting progressive Ontarians -- job-creation, separate school funding, and the defence of the Morgentaler clinic -- and we know with what result.

These issues are with us still, and we will campaign to turn the party around for the next provincial election, expected as early as this coming year. We will campaign, too, for the party to more vigorously press the other urgent demands of the labour and women's movements which have become sidetracked by the legislative accord with the Liberals: the 35 hour week, anti-scab legislation, equal pay for equal work of equal value, mandatory affirmative action, etc. Finally, we will campaign for internal changes which will make the ridings more of what they were intended to be: political organizations involved in the struggles of their communities.

With your active support, we can together rebuild the left in the party.

Marv Gandall
Ottawa South

Judy Rebick
Oakwood

Dave Tomczak
St. Andrew-St. Patrick

Twenty-five years ago, the ONDP was founded in the belief that a party of working people and their allies could take on the old-line parties and their policies of subservience to the U.S. dominated corporate elite.

The expectation was that the ONDP could create a planned economy designed to meet the needs of working people and create jobs by placing the ownership and control of our natural resources in our hands.

Now, a quarter of a century later, a sober assessment is needed. Though one in four voters supports the idea of an NDP government, the prospect of power still eludes us.

We know that such an assessment of Ontario politics is taking place within the leadership of the ONDP. Bob Rae and Donald MacDonald talk about a stable three party system and of possible coalition government with the Liberals. Gerry Caplan, in an article he wrote for the Globe and Mail, said: "Here is the dilemma of the NDP in Canada: to remain true to its principles at the probable expense of permanently eschewing political power, or to move further to the centre where it risks losing its soul and becoming indistinguishable for the other 'liberal' opposition parties".

While we would never pose the dilemma the way Gerry Caplan does, the Left Caucus is admirably suited to responding to

In 1983 the Left Caucus filled the vacuum when the federal party leadership wanted a new manifesto. Our manifesto provoked a sharp debate and caused the leadership to back down from their full proposals. In 1984 the Left Caucus posed the issue of a revitalized, socialist NDP with a statement to the ONDP convention, views especially relevant in light of the 1985 provincial election. In 1985 the Left Caucus has had its greatest impact, winning both the out-of-NATO and the key economic debate at the federal convention. We know the Left Caucus can provide leadership in political debates within the NDP.

Our assessment includes the following points:

The activist rank and file of the party has now sustained the party through three successive elections in the last sixteen months - federal, provincial, municipal - each one signifying a lost opportunity for the party. In Ontario, our soft-sell, low-profile campaign permitted the Liberals to roll into power on a protest vote which was rightfully ours. This was not a departure from past practice but part of a continuing trend to cut the cloth of party principle to fit the perceived electoral opportunism of the moment.

The long term trend includes the repeated use of our membership as election fodder which has weakened our ranks, creating a sense of lack of direction and inactivity. A preoccupation with fund-raising and election-organizing

the party at the grassroots level have kept the ridings from serious assessments of the challenge before the Party. Many members feel despondent and demoralized. The level of riding activities is at an all-time low.

In fact the ridings are in a state of atrophy. Long-standing members, even key figures in the party, have dropped out of active involvement. We have had problems convincing long-time supporters to even vote for us on election day.

The Party lacks a spirit of combativity and vigour. We still lack an autonomous, active youth wing to invigourate the Party. The activist base of the party has become confused by a leadership which too often ignores and forgets important convention resolutions. There is great unease about the role of the NDP in Ontario politics. Even now, the electoral prospects of the party depend on a risky accord with dangerous implications for the long-term viability of the Party.

What is behind the present state of the Party? The NDP has not established itself clearly in the public eye. We are perceived as Liberals-in-a-hurry. Without a distinct image, without a consistent focus on the demands and needs of women, youth, minorities and labour movement, our image becomes blurred.

The party has failed to stand up boldly behind its own program. We have compromised instead of explained, retreated

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The drift of the party has now reached crisis proportions.

It can no longer be business as usual. We will be challenged at the 1986 convention to take unequivocal positions on the burning issues of the day. We must become one with the women's movement in its struggle for freedom of choice and equal pay for work of equal value. We must rally the movement to preserve public education, which is opposing the fracturing of the secondary school system. We must defend the struggles of the labour movement, not as distant cousins, but as our strongest allies. We must bring the antiwar movement into the party and the party into the antiwar movement. We must campaign forcefully on economic issues such as the shorter work week, vastly increased public spending on socially necessary job creation projects, and public ownership.

The NDP in our province is fast losing its character as a grassroots organization of people fighting for peace and social equality while posing the need for a government of working people. The Left Caucus can change this process. The Left Caucus can provide leadership to the 1986 convention in bringing the Party to stand by its principles.

At this conference we must mandate the steering committee to take the appropriate steps to organize around the following issues, and to make sure they are put before the 1986 provincial convention:

1) Women's Rights

a: The provincial caucus must publicly advocate an end to the legal harassment of Morgentaler. The Party has the policy. Its leadership must speak out clearly.

b: At this point it is impossible to know what kind of equal pay for work of equal value legislation the Liberals will bring forward. Our party is saying nothing about this, leaving the Liberals to set the agenda. Again, the party must be unequivocal in its demands.

2) Education

Our provincial caucus is supporting a reactionary bill further institutionalizing discrimination in education based on religious grounds. This is due to their support of a party policy adopted 15 years ago, and never properly debated since despite enormous changes in Ontario's society and its educational system. A clear majority of Ontario's people support a multi-racial/ethnic/cultural/religious society and all that means in terms of discrimination. That is why this same majority of Ontarians oppose the extension of public funding to Catholic high schools. The public secondary school system can provide a quality education for all, but not if it is fractured beyond repair by the funding of a competing, religiously based system. The Left Caucus must commit itself to the campaign to stop Bill 30. Party policy must be reversed.

3) Jobs

a: With unemployment, especially youth unemployment, at persistently high levels the party must campaign for immediate introduction of the minimum standard established by the labour movement: the 35 hour week at no loss in pay with a corresponding ban on compulsory overtime.

b: The Tory campaign for free trade with the United States poses grave dangers for Canada's working class, especially our unions. The party must be actively encouraged to join with labour in the fight to save manufacturing and resource industries and an independent Canadian culture.

c: The campaign for jobs must be linked to public ownership and worker control in a planned economy.

4) Peace and Solidarity

The party must recognize that support for the Nicaraguan revolution is part of the anti-war struggle, and part of the struggle for socialism in the world today. The NDP can be a powerful voice against imperialist intervention in Central America.

5) Political Education and Activism in the Party

The NDP must become a place where real political discussion and debate takes place on a regular basis. It must also be a political home to those in movements for

social change, not simply supporting them but giving back a real commitment to activism outside the parliamentary arena. To these ends the Left Caucus must commit itself to regular forums (a minimum of 3 leading up to the 1986 convention) and support for either central or riding initiated political action campaigns.

6) Municipal Politics

A significant commitment to real activism can be made in the municipal area. Formally the provincial party is in favour of this, in practice no real support is given and individual riding associations are very much on their own. NDP campaigns must be organizationally supported for they pose the NDP for power at the local level.

David Tomczak
Co-chair, Steering Committee

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8

General Meeting, Campaign for an Activist Party

1 p.m., Toronto Board of Education
155 College Street, Toronto

This is our last general meeting planned before the
ONDP Provincial Convention. We will discuss convention
resolutions, convention strategy, endorsement of additional
candidates, and other C.A.P. issues.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

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JUDY REBICK

FOR ONDP PRESIDENT

I am running for President of the Ontario New Democratic Party because I believe that the party needs new energy and direction. Through my work in the women's movement and the disabled rights' movement, I have seen great potential for our party. I have also seen missed opportunities because the ONDP failed to speak out strongly and identify with those fighting for social justice.

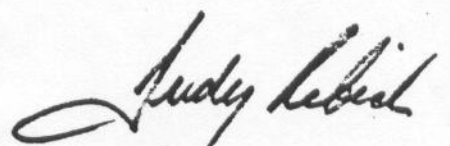
In my work in the party, I have talked to many NDPers who want to be more involved in political activity. They are tired of being fodder for membership and financial drives. We need to mobilize the grassroots of the party in political activity and in so doing link the ONDP to the powerful social movements and local labour movements.

I believe that electing me as President, and electing CAP-endorsed candidates to executive, can mark the start of a change to a more dynamic, courageous, activist party.

As President, I would see my role primarily as working with ridings, executive, and provincial council in carrying out a more activist orientation. I would be a strong advocate for ONDP membership with Caucus and the Leader's office. My public profile would help to further raise the party's visibility and identification with the women's movement. As I am fluently bilingual, I can deepen our links with francophones.

As an administrator with a large, provincial social service agency for the past decade and as chairperson of several coalitions and committees, I have gained a great deal of experience in the tasks required of President. I can be outspoken on issues. I am also be a skilled facilitator and chairperson.

I am asking you to vote for me not simply because of my skills for the job, but primarily because I think that CAP has an exciting vision for the ONDP. Our ideas can help the party make a breakthrough in Ontario in the coming years.



NEW DEMOCRATS

Campaign for an Activist Party

Candidate: Gord Doctorow
Running for: Member at Large – Metro

PROMOTES PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY

Gord supports the platform of the Campaign for an Activist Party. He has worked hard in the party to organize and mobilize in the community at the municipal electoral level and in the disarmament movement. As a leading activist in the NDP Anti-war Committee, he has helped to organize the NDP presence at anti-war rallies, NDP speakers and internal party conferences to educate our party membership. He has developed policy statements and organized the sale and distribution of buttons and NDP literature. Inside the party he led the debate to reaffirm our anti-NATO position.

At various party conventions Gord has fought to put forward the principles of socialist democracy as expressed in the proposals of CAP; the shortened work week at no less in takehome pay as an answer to unemployment, affirmative action and women's rights, and solidarity actions by the party in anti-intervention struggles.

PROVINCIAL PARTY CANDIDATE IN YORK MILLS

As the NDP candidate for York Mills in the 1985 provincial election, Gord put forward our nuclear weapons free zone platform to deepen the idea that the NDP is the anti-war party. Running against the then deputy premier and former education minister, Dr. Bette Stephenson, Gord effectively challenged her government's record on education policy. Using his experience as an OSSTF activist and practical knowledge of the public education system, he put forward a clear democratic alternative. His campaign advocated NDP educational policy reforms while standing on the democratic and socialist principles of a non-discriminatory and universally accessible and excellent public education system. On behalf of York Mills NDP, he argued against extension of funding to Catholic separate secondary schools and to private schools.

This position resulted in the York Mills NDP achieving the highest vote it has ever received, 80% better than the previous provincial election. Support for this eminently sensible and fair policy was seen in the all-candidates debates in which the audience participants from all parties overwhelmingly applauded

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Gord's forthright stand on separate school funding. In addition, since the electorate was denied the right to express its opposition to full funding in terms of a party to vote for, Gord's campaign included a referendum on the funding issue in the form of a ballot card mailed to every York Mills household. Over 80% supported York Mills NDP's position.

A VOICE FOR A PRINCIPLED SOCIALIST APPROACH

Since that time, Gord has worked tirelessly to encourage New Democrats, both teacher and non-teacher, who feel seriously at odds with the party's separate school funding position, to stay in the party and work toward reform rather than abandoning the labor movement's most precious political asset, the NDP.

Gord's presence on the ONDP executive would ensure that a voice for a principled socialist approach would be represented. That would be a voice for rank and file New Democrats.

GORD'S EXPERIENCE

- Joined the NDP in 1965
- NDP Experiences:
 - University of Toronto NDP Club
 - St. Paul's NDP
 - Yorkview NDP
 - Oriole NDP
 - York Mills NDP
- Currently vice-president of York Mills NDP
- Alternate provincial council delegate from York Mills
- Held every executive post in Oriole NDP
- Representative on Metro New Democrats council for eight years
- Worked as canvasser, organizer, literature writer, fund raiser in numerous NDP municipal, provincial and federal campaigns
- York Mills NDP candidate in 1985 provincial election
- Founding Chairperson of NDP Anti-war Committee
- Active supporter of Left Caucus
- Co-Chairperson of New Democrats to Preserve Public Education
- Math and computer science teacher in the Scarborough secondary public school system
- Author and speaker on computers in the curriculum
- Branch president in District 16 OSSTF (Scarborough)

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David Tomczak, Treasurer - ONDP

DAVID'S EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- being an active New Democrat since 1977.
- instrumental in setting up the City of Toronto Ward 6 NDP and served as President, 1979-81.
- Secretary, 1979-81, and President, 1981-85, the Metro Toronto Area Council. Worked closely with the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto in its municipal political initiatives.
- organizer and fundraiser for the Fisher-Spencer Defence Fund, 1979-80. (NDP trustees charged with conflict-of-interest due to their spouses being members of a teacher union.)
- St. Andrew-St. Patrick executive member, 1979-present, including newsletter editor, education organizer and currently Provincial Council Delegate.
- CUPE 1325 member, 1980-present, steward from 1981-83 and chosen as the local's delegate to an Ontario Division Convention while a steward.
- instrumental in successful campaign for CUPE 1325's affiliation to the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto.
- Co-Chair, ONDP Left Caucus, 1983-present.
- NDP Campaign Organizer, chair of campaign committees, all aspects of election work, 1977-present.

DAVID BELIEVES THAT:

- financial questions are political questions, involving the setting of political priorities and political directions.
- that our Party's relationship with the labour movement is a crucial part of what makes our Party different, and should be strengthened at all levels of the Party.
- grass-roots political activity is the life-blood of our Party. It must be properly funded at the riding level between elections, and at the municipal level. This will strengthen our central organizing efforts.
- it is our natural constituency of all those seeking social change who will fund our Party, not corporations.
- the children and students of Ontario are best served by one strong publicly-funded education system.

DAVID IS COMMITTED TO MAKING PARTY FINANCES WORK TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZING EFFORTS FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE

David supports all the political positions of the Campaign for an Activist Party and is endorsed for Treasurer by the Campaign.

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WHY SHOULD LABOUR SUPPORT C.A.P.?

The Campaign for an Activist Party (CAP) is aiming to revitalize the Ontario New Democratic Party with proposals that have been accepted in the labour movement for some time. The CAP call for the ONDP to orient with social movements and labour and work with activists in those movements in their day-to-day struggles as well as acting as their voice in the Legislature corresponds closely with the current orientation of labour.

CAP says the ONDP should be more than an electoral machine. To achieve the kind of social change we are all seeking and to win government, we must focus on those qualities that make us distinct as a party. Our links with labour is one of those qualities. CAP proposes strengthening links between the party and labour through developing closer relationships with local labour bodies and local unions. We need more labor activists in the party.

One of the key issues underlined by CAP is the legislated shorter workweek with no loss in pay. We also unequivocally reject "free trade" with the United States.

The candidates endorsed by CAP has a good record on labour issues. Judy Rebick, CAP candidate for president, has worked closely with the OFL Women's Committee on choice, and with other labour groups in the fight against extra-billing and for employment equity. Malcolm Buchanan, CAP candidate for vice-president, is past-president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and has brought teachers into much closer collaboration with the House of Labour. He is a leader in protecting workers' interests in the current debate on separate school funding. George Ehring, currently an ONDP V-P and CAP candidate for that post, was active on UAW staff, and Mary Rowles, another V-P candidate, is on OPSEU staff. Marv Gandall, CAP candidate for federal council, is a well-known activist on the Ottawa Labour Council executive. David Tomczak, CAP candidate for treasurer, is active in his CUPE local. Rebick and CAP have been endorsed by many labour activists, including OFL V-Ps.

CAP is running on a strategy born in the labour movement, on issues supported by labour, and with quality candidates. It is a positive campaign offering the party a dynamic and creative alternative to a business-as-usual executive. CAP deserves the support of labour.

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CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT COULD REVITALIZE ONDP

If the NDP is going to win the support of people concerned about specific social and economic issues, we must be seen to be actively working with the feminist community, environmental groups, labour, peace and other movements to achieve their goals. We must put to work the energy and commitment of New Democrats who joined the party to bring about real social and political change. At the riding level, in our communities, and on a province-wide basis, the party must put organizational support behind groups fighting for social change. Many riding associations already work on anti-nuclear demonstrations, walk picket lines, campaign for women's shelters, and work on local environmental issues. The party must assist them in this work and encourage other ridings to follow their example.

A genuine commitment to activism demands organizational changes. A campaigns department similar to those operating in trade unions must be established at provincial office. It's not enough to endorse the idea of social action, then to put a campaigns department on hold until funds become available. This approach has left us without a women's organizer six years after convention recognized the need for one. Our ability to work with women's groups, to elect women candidates, and to attract women voters has suffered as a result.

A campaigns department would help ridings get involved in major social and labour struggles and develop province-wide campaigns, as well as campaigns tailored to local issues. A riding that wants to mobilize around a plant shutdown or fight for daycare in their community would get practical assistance from the campaigns department. If groups of ridings want to do public work on a regional issue - for example, chemical spraying in northern Ontario - they should get organizational help to develop and implement the campaign. The sixteen executive members-at-large, in addition to taking on the membership and fundraising work that now pre-occupies provincial office staff, should act as liaison between the regions they represent and the party. They should convey to the executive some sense of issues that can form the basis for provincial action.

Province-wide campaigns should reflect the needs and requests of the ridings. Provincial organizers should provide assistance and resources should be equitably shared between ridings where we are a distant third and ridings where we expect to win.

On picket lines, at choice rallies, in daycare coalitions and anti-racism struggles, the NDP will be there. Our activism will win enthusiasm, financial support, and membership from community activists and from voters who are convinced of our commitment to their issues.

ABORTION CLINICS UNDER ATTACK

In the last few weeks, we have seen a renewed attack on women's right to choose in Ontario. Attorney General Ian Scott has threatened to bring new charges against the doctors working at the Morgentaler and Scott clinics. He has further threatened that the Crown will seek strict bail conditions against Drs. Colodny, Morgentaler and Scott in an attempt to close down both of Toronto's free-standing abortion clinics.

It is just a matter of time before the full force of the state is brought down on the doctors who are providing the very access to abortion that the Liberal government has refused to provide.

Drs. Morgentaler and Scott have been acquitted by a jury. There is no question that the majority of people in Ontario believe in a woman's right to choose and support the clinics. For the past year and a half, the Morgentaler clinic has been providing needed services in a supportive environment to hundreds of women who had nowhere else to turn. Today during the reactionary doctor's strike, both clinics are flooded with phone calls from desperate women. It is an outrage and a scandal that the Liberal government intends to do everything possible to deny this service to the women of Ontario.

The pro-choice movement is mounting a powerful protest against the threats of the Attorney General. A demonstration has been called for one week after any charges are laid. More than 60 organizations, including the Ontario Federation of Labour, the United Church, and the NDP, have called on the Attorney General to cease any legal harassment of staff at the clinics.

This renewed attack provides a critical opportunity for the New Democratic Party to move to the forefront of the fight for choice on abortion and free-standing clinics. Bob Rae made an excellent statement at an Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics press conference and has raised questions in the Legislature. Evelyn Gigantes has been working closely with OCAC and the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League. This work should continue and we should be ready to mobilize at the riding level in support of the fight for Freedom of Choice.

New Democrats to Preserve Public Education

163 Carlton Road, Unionville, Ontario L3R 3L7.

(416) 477-2321

To: Each delegate to the Ontario NDP Provincial Council

Dear fellow New Democrat:

You may have heard of us. Our immediate objective is to get our Party to drop its support for the divisive, elitist, unsocialist Bill 30. You probably agree with us; if not, please read our leaflet and consider our arguments; in any case, we'd like to hear from you. We shall be very pleased to send someone to address a meeting of your Riding Association.

Our reason for writing is to make a start on the road to next year's Convention and a change of policy. We urge you to take the following resolution back to your Riding, and to submit it (or something like it) to the Resolutions Committee.

Be it resolved that:

The New Democratic Party of Ontario believes, in keeping with the fundamental principles of international socialism, that Ontario must have a public education system which:

- (a) offers all children in the province an equal opportunity;
- (b) brings together children of all ethnic, religious and social groups in a community that prepares them for the pluralistic world in which they will live and work;
- (c) does not teach any child that any particular religious dogma is right or wrong;
- (d) makes the most efficient possible use of the funds and teaching resources available.

public (not supported) educational system
This Convention therefore calls upon the party, as a matter of policy, to oppose (whether before or after the passage of legislation) any extension of public funding to separate or private schools.

We look forward to hearing your views, and to enjoying your electoral, financial and organizational support.

Bill Gadsby

Secretary, NDPPE

250 words

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DRAFT MOTION FOR 1986 ONDP CONVENTION

Proposed by

NEW DEMOCRATS TO PRESERVE PUBLIC EDUCATION (NDPPE)

WHEREAS:

1. the New Democratic Party has traditionally opposed special privilege based on wealth or social status, on race or ethnic origin, on sex or sexual orientation, or on religion; and
2. the current ONDP policy supports the funding of Roman Catholic separate secondary schools but not of other religious schools, which notably confers a special privilege; and
3. only a broadly based public educational system can bring together children of all ethnic, religious and social groups in a community to prepare them for life in the pluralistic world in which they will live and work; and
4. such a system should teach children to understand and respect a variety of religious perspectives and cultural traditions, and should not endorse or attempt to inculcate any particular doctrine; and
5. the further fragmentation of education through duplication of facilities and dilution of resources is fiscally unsound and educationally irresponsible; and
6. the Supreme Court of Canada has yet to determine whether proposed legislation to extend public funding to Roman Catholic separate secondary schools violates the non-discrimination provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and until that determination is made, such legislation (or anticipatory executive action) is at best premature;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. That the ONDP declare its support for a strong non-sectarian public educational system.
2. That the ONDP oppose any extension of public funding to Roman Catholic separate secondary schools or to private schools.

Model Resolution on Separate Schools

WHEREAS Public Education in Ontario is in moral and material crisis,
AND WHEREAS our Provincial Caucus's non-aggression pact with the
Liberal Party contains absolutely nothing for Public Education,
And WHEREAS furthermore, the pact is actually iniquitous for its
only item on education is the extension of funds to separate high
schools,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Democratic Party of Ontario
states its solid support for a single unified Public School System
in Ontario, that is properly supported morally & financially.

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no public funds shall go to any
private schools, or any school that violates basic civil rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP calls for a moratorium
on the further funding of separate High Schools.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Ontario NDP will work to integrate
all publicly funded secondary schools into one united system without
discrimination on the basis of religion.

ENDORSED BY: Ian Orenstein Candidate for Leader of ONDP

Referral with instructions

Resolution 1 - 12 Free Trade

Replace the existing resolve with the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the ONDP continue to strongly support the OFL/CLC and federal NDP campaigns against bilateral free trade negotiations with the U.S.;
2. That the ONDP urge the Ontario government to stand in opposition to the free trade initiative and to do everything in its power to end these talks;
3. That the ONDP strongly advance the position that Canada's social and cultural programs be removed entirely from any future talks regarding trade with other countries;
4. That the Autopact be expanded to include countries such as Korea and Japan;
5. That the ONDP urge the federal party to advance the position that trade negotiations should be carried on under the umbrella of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) so as to break Canada's dependence on American markets and to assist those developing countries which allow workers to organize in a fair manner. Our primary concern must be in the development of an economic strategy which respects Canada's ability to grow and expand in accordance with its needs and one which emphasizes the need to guarantee all in society a job.

By Gord Doctorow

The Policy Review Committee of the ONDP executive has issued, through its chairperson Steven Krashinsky, the timidly titled (perhaps embarrassedly titled) "First Draft Only" of a proposal for "GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES ON ADHERENCE TO PARTY POLICY". No reason or occasion is cited for the issuing of such a document. Presumably, it is understood to represent a way of dealing with dissident candidates like Gord Doctorow, who helped create a public stir inside and outside the party during the last election on the issue of a "democratic socialist" party's support of extending government funding to Roman Catholic separate secondary schools. The document begins with platitudes about encouraging discussion and debate, but heavily accentuates the importance of having guidelines to enforce conformity of party candidates with party policy. The key words are: consistency, spokesperson on behalf of the party, good faith personal views, etc.

The problems that are raised are by no means new to the party. There is a long tradition of violation of party policy by, not only individual candidates, but by the most prominent spokespersons of the party. These violations have occurred both during elections and during critical events outside elections. There have been errors of commission as well as errors of omission. We cite below a partial, but interesting list, of such events:

>1976: Former Prime Minister Trudeau's anti-labor wage controls were adopted by two NDP Premiers -- Allan Blakeney in Saskatchewan and Ed Schreyer in Manitoba. Meanwhile, the labor movement had

Only this year, the party's current education critic, Richard Allen, indicated to CBC radio journalists that he was sympathetic to the Shapiro Commission's report which recommended public funding of private schools and felt that the party's position of opposition required review despite the fact that this position was reaffirmed in the 1984 convention and reiterated by the leader and members of caucus frequently during public discussions of separate school funding.

Given these and many other examples that can be adduced of open ruptures with party policy by prominent individuals entrusted with presenting the public face of the party, how hollow sounding are the phrases of the proposed guidelines. We refer to: "The party, however, can have only one policy position and one political philosophy at any one time." "There can be only one position for the party as a whole on each issue...." "Caucus, however, as a body must always express party policy on each issue."

While the document nods in the direction of democratic rights -- "Individual members of the party and local ridings may exercise local autonomy as to which party policies to emphasize...." -- in practice, local autonomy is in reality denied. Administrative measures through the central apparatus of the party are entrusted to the Provincial Secretary and the Administrative Committee. The powers of discipline are far-reaching, going as far as stripping dissident candidates of the right to remain a candidate despite that candidate's support in the local riding. This bureaucratic centralism is invoked in the name of reasonableness and accountability.

Unfortunately, the authors of the document, in their search for administrative solutions to political differences ignore the essential political problems. A completely false picture of how things work in the party infects the entire document.

Recent history is instructive. How can one speak of one political philosophy when members of the Caucus, including the leader, openly propose and speak of coalition with the Liberals? Where is the consultation and accountability? The Accord itself received very little consultation with the base of the party. One can argue that the party suffers from an ideological crisis. Bob Rae told the June 1985 Provincial Council meeting that it was permissible to speak of many different socialisms including one that embraces coalitions with capitalist parties like the Liberals. This certainly contradicts the entire experience of the NDP, which was conceived and developed as an independent labor party in opposition to the capitalist parties. David Lewis emphasized this point on many occasions.

When Ed Broadbent came out for NATO during the 1980 federal election campaign, he was censured by the ONDP provincial council. That censure was revoked on the eve of the Guelph Provincial Convention. The message was that in our party, heterogeneous points of view prevail. We are not at the stage of a rigorously enforced central philosophy. The party combines in its ranks many different kinds of social activists with differing ideological levels and points of view at this point in history. We have some common ideals like being an independent labor party, being the antiwar party, being the feminist party, etc. But even these ideals are subject to internal challenges and wide differences.

How will these differences be resolved? How will we evolve to a more homogeneous party and ideology? What should the party do to present itself as a distinct and attractive social and political force to the people of Canada? These are questions that can only be resolved through experience, debate and toleration of differences. The way to deal with big differences is to debate them. The leadership has a special responsibility to ensure that such debates take place in a timely and full way. For example, the leadership of the ONDP should have held the debate on separate school funding before the 1985 election. It was wrong to rely on the fact that we had a policy that had been on the books for 15 years without taking into account important differences of opinion. That this was an important debate was attested to by the prominence of the issue in the election despite the failure of all three parties to debate it openly. Surely, a debate at that time would have dealt with the real and important concerns that eventually caused dissident candidates to appear. It must be remembered that something like 14 NDP candidates dissented openly from the party's separate school policy during the period of the election campaign.

Ridings need to be able to function autonomously in order to build the movement. The ridings are the areas of the party where ordinary activists devote their unpaid time and energy, contribute their funds all in the anticipation of carrying a part of the future society on the backs of their efforts. And after all, the party combines social activists from many different sectors of struggles. Inevitably, there will be differences expressed. The ability to attain homogeneity will depend on the leadership of the party to educate, defend and openly debate party policy. Authoritativeness will be created in this type of

atmosphere, not by administrative means which reflects the relations of power within the party structure at any given time.

It should be noted as well that the public views the party's official stance through the presentation of the leader, regardless of our desire to not elevate personalities above policy. It is a fact nonetheless that the leader counts most in the presentation of the party to the people. Hence, it is more incumbent on the leader than anybody else to forcefully present party policy, adhere to it, and defend it. However, this can only be assured by a policy of open debate and discussion which would have a high priority right alongside with or perhaps even greater than fund-raising and obtaining memberships.

The "Guidelines" should be rejected outright. Instead, we should be opening up some serious forums and discussions throughout the party and the New Democrat to work out how we wish to face the future. Such a party cannot fail to attract committed new activists to its ranks and rectify some of the ideological meanderings that afflict the party.

Fellow Delegates:

We want to bring to your attention a most unfortunate occurrence--the exclusion of George Ehrling from the "official" slate. George is presently a vice-president of the ONDP and has carried out the duties of that office in a most responsible and creative manner. Yet George is being punished for his "crime"--being a leader of the Campaign for an Activist Party.

While most of us are not supporters of that tendency, we also recognize that it represents a significant current within our party, and that some of its proposals would indeed benefit the NDP. Surely our party would be served by a new executive which represented the diversity of the ONDP.

We know George well and have worked with him closely. Official slate-making has never appealed to us but presently is a fact of life. (If) such a process is to have any credibility, it must be open enough to include someone of George's ability and commitment.

Floyd Laughren
MPP, Nickel Belt

Simon Rosenblum
Vice-president, ONDP

Richard Johnston
MPP, Scarborough West

Elie Martel
MPP, Sudbury East

Frances Lankin
Vice-president, ONDP

Jennifer Stephen
President, Women's Committee

Lee Angus
ONDP Executive

Tina Zink
London Centre executive

DRAFT

Daind

are we getting together on Thursday
weekend in Ottawa to discuss
left caucus, particularly the next
newsletter which has to go out soon?
Pls. call me.

June 7

Mar.

Dear Daind

We intend to run for the ONDP Executive at its next convention in June in Hamilton on the enclosed platform. It projects the need for an independent party based on labour and the social movements and tries to show how such a party would react to the most immediate issues presently confronting NDP'ers: the pact with the Liberals, separate schools, job creation, choice, labour struggles, the role of labour in the NDP, the role of the ridings, election campaigning, etc.

We'd like you to run with us. We haven't yet considered who will be running for what office or how large a slate it will be. All that has to be decided. As we proceed, we'll be seeking the endorsement of the ONDP Left Caucus, ridings, union locals, etc. for the campaign.

At this time, we're inviting the following people to join us in this effort, preferably as candidates: Sue Colley, Action Daycare; Gord Doctorow, OSSTF; Stan Gray, USWA Occupational Health Centre; Christopher Ross, Psychologists for Social Responsibility; Mary Rowles, Past Chair, ONDP Women's Committee; David Tomaczak, Past Chair, Toronto Area Council, ONDP. Any other suggestions you have will be welcome.

We'll be in touch shortly.

Nikki Colodny (Riverdale)
Physicians For Choice *

Marv Gandall (Ottawa South)
Ottawa District Labour Council *

Phil Cournoyer ()
Canadian Action For Nicaragua *

Walker Jones (Ottawa South)
Women's International League *
for Peace and Freedom

Joe Flexer ()
Toronto Disarmament Network *

^{OAKWOOD}
Judy Rebick (~~Riverdale~~)
Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics *

* - Organizations listed for Identification
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Joint assembly of
*The Campaign for an
Activist Party*
&
The Left Caucus
**for an overview
of the convention
to date**

***Time:* Saturday, June 21 after close
of day's session**

***Place:* Wentworth B**

MINUTES OF THE LEFT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

1. At Lois Bedard's home on Monday, Sept. 29, 1986.
2. ^{C Hairs} Attendance Co-Chairs David Tomczak, Lois Bedard; Paul Hetherington; Manfred Netzel; Leslie Nicholls and Ross Dowson.
3. We received the resignation from the Steering Committee of Chris Ross. We are pleased to hear of his enlarged family and his family business and look forward to his participation in the forums and Nov. 29th Convention. Doris Bolt, Eglinton, will approach to serve. The volunteer secretary for this meeting was Lois Bedard.
4. Report on CAP and Left Caucus (Liaison) was made by David. We agreed to meet with a joint representation from each left body to plan a merger or joint November 29th Convention:

- a) to active the left for the March federal Convention of the NDP in Montreal
- b) to prepare agenda, speakers, resolutions for ridings and other business

The four members representing the Left Caucus at the October 22nd meeting were David Tomczak, Manfred Netzel, Leslie Nicholls and Bob Kasher.

5. Newsletter We agreed to mail to all our Left Caucus members a newsletter to:
 - a) update the Convention of ONDP in June in Hamilton
 - b) announce our programme ^{of activity} up to the March federal Convention
 - c) to mobilize the left
 - d) to appeal for funds

The Committee struck off to bring a report to the October 15, 1986 meeting was Leslie Nicholls, Paul Hetherington (London) Ross Dowson, and ~~Bob Kasher~~.

6. Forum Committee We discussed '84/85 successes and renewed our intention to have three or four forums on topics of interest to the left such as Free Trade (Lukon Robinson); Agricultural crisis and the family farm/public ownership; Quebec, unique status in confederation and self-determination; (Nov. 7 forum with J. P. Harney) Foreign Policy, NATO/NORAD Newfoundland base as violation of native rights; Second International and Nicaragua and Broadbent; NDP- Liberal Accord
 - (b) We will seek accommodation for all meetings of the Steering Committee and the Forums at Bloor Collegiate. David will arrange that.
 - (c) We will print a flyer for the first forum to be held in the first or second week in November.
 - (d) We will prepare a January forum so we can use the momentum of our November forum and Nov. 29th Convention to build the January forum.
 - (e) Forum Committee is Dianne Meagher, David Tomczak, ~~Bob Kasher~~ and Lois Bedard
7. Financial Drive David will help but wished to be relieved of this area of responsibility. Manfred Netzel volunteered to be Treasurer of the Steering Committee. Lois Bedard agreed to hold up the Financial Drive.
8. Next Meeting Oct. 15 and Oct. 29, 1986.
9. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

(Found in October 1986 - Notes by R.D.)

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Telephone (416) 530-4538

— picked this up at Lois Bel's

CAP AT PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

No date

on Sept 29

this copy picked up at Lois

— RD has not received a copy although conference was to be

The Campaign for an Activist Party (CAP) achieved some success at the ONDP convention held last June in Hamilton.

only days away
Sept 29 - Oct 5

On the electoral side, three CAP-endorsed candidates were elected: Frances Lankin, vice president; Andrew McNeill and Lesley Nicholls, youth reps. Our other endorsed candidates won between 30 and 50 per cent of the votes cast. George Ehring, a vice-president on the former executive, was targetted for defeat, but despite the harsh campaign against him, George almost broke the "official" slate.

Of the six CAP resolutions that were given priority, three passed, including one committing the Party to support actively Nicaraguan solidarity projects, and another putting NDP support behind anti-nuclear campaigns. This has already had results, since Provincial Council recently voted to involve the ridings actively in the Nuclear Weapons Free Ontario campaign being organized across the province by the peace community this fall.

At convention we identified the defence of Choice and free-standing abortion clinics as a key struggle. Not long ago, NDP leader Bob Rae spoke at an Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics press conference, and he introduced Dr. Nikki Colodny to convention. CAP members can take credit for the increased defence of Choice and the clinics.

The separate school debate was one of the best and most important debates, thanks to the work of New Democrats to Preserve Public Education and CAP. Unfortunately, the debate on the Campaigns Department was not exemplary. An anonymous leaflet attacking the resolution was circulated, and speakers at the microphones resorted to red-baiting and distortions. The resolution was defeated, despite substantial floor support.

FALL CAP CONFERENCE

THE FALL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5TH HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

(The date and time conflicted with the Fort York nomination meeting.)

We are now planning a conference, to be held near the end of November, to discuss how we can continue to influence the party toward our goals of social activism. We need to determine what shape our efforts should take.

CAP has already had an important impact on the NDP; the provincial convention was just a beginning. Our fall conference will also provide for a discussion of the upcoming Federal Convention, scheduled for March in Montreal. We hope to have speakers from British Columbia and Quebec to provide information on the concerns of New Democrats in those provinces.

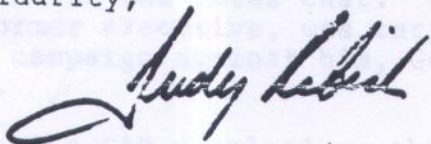
Detailed notices will be sent out as soon as the agenda and speakers are confirmed.

FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Although we raised several thousand dollars during the pre-Convention period, CAP faces a debt of approximately \$2,000. The combined expenses for mailing, literature, long distance calls and the salary of our organizer were considerable. We need your help to clear this amount and to continue the important work that we have started.

Many of you have been generous in the past few months. We ask for your assistance once again.

In solidarity,



Judy Rebick,
on behalf of the CAP Co-ordinating Committee

Yes, I can help. Enclosed, please find my donation for:

___/\$100 ___/\$50 ___/\$25 ___/\$10 ___/Other ____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel.: _____ Riding/Union: _____

Make cheques payable to "Campaign for an Activist Party"

MINUTES OF THE LEFT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

1. At the Toronto Board of Education on Wednesday, October 15, 1986.
2. Attendance: Co-chairs: Lois Bedard and David Tomczak; Bill Clinton; Ross Dowson; Paul Hetherington; Manfred Nitzel and Tina Zink.
3. Minutes of the Sept. 29, 1986 Monday meeting were distributed and approved. Bill Clinton volunteered to serve as Secretary Pro-tem.
4. Treasurer's Report David Tomczak
 - a) David said that he would transfer this week (Oct. 15-22) the Left Caucus funds, bank books to the new Treasurer, Manfred Netzel
 - b) David reported that the Left Caucus received a \$500. donation from one of the revised Riding Associations. This enabled us to pay out debt of \$200. and to have a balance of approximately \$300.
 - c) Manfred will open a Left Caucus bank account in a bank accessible to him
 - d) The Left Caucus Postal Box is coming up for rental. Since Manfred finds it inconvenient to access it, since he lives in the west end of Toronto and the box is in the Beaches, it was decided that Manfred will maintain the current box as he searches for one in the West Toronto area.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Forum Committee Report (David Tomczak, Diane Meaghan, Bob Kasher & Lois Bedard)
 - a) Jean-Paul Harney was contacted to be a Left Caucus forum speaker on Quebec. He was enthusiastic but the next day his secretary cancelled out. It was decided that David would contact J-P Harney to pursue a future forum with him at another date or get a recommended substitute from him.
 - b) The proposed forum to be held in the 2nd week of November will be on the Criminal Code and the Koypto Case. Ross was designated to speak to Harry Kopyto and Charles Roach. The proposed date was Nov. 14. (Lois booked Nov. 19 at Bloor Collegiate, Nov. 14 as Nicaragua meeting.
 - c) The January forum topic was to be settled later. The Forum Committee will report to the October 29th meeting on it.
2. Newsletter Committee Report (Paul Hetherington, Bill Clinton, Leslie Nicholls, Ross Dowson)
 - a) Ross reported that he has made several attempts to get in touch with Leslie but she had neither returned his calls nor acknowledged the written hand delivered notes. Ross reported that he and Bill Clinton will meet on October 17th and that he will then contact Paul Hetherington by phone to discuss their deliberations.
 - b) The Steering Committee empowered the Newsletter Committee to make all the decisions necessary to carry out the task(s) as outlined previously by the Caucus and to prepare for mailing the Newsletter for the last week of October.
 - c) The Steering Committee was reminded that Marv Gandall had been the Editor of the Newsletter, that Bob Kasher wrote one, and Lois Bedard did one. The Committee agreed to designate Ross as Committee Co-ordinator for this issue and to discuss the Editor of the next Newsletter later on.

Financial Drive

Lois Bedard

Lois agreed to head up a Financial Campaign Committee.

- a) She requested that the Steering Committee submit names of suitable contacts for contributions.

- b) Lois asked that an appeal be prepared by her for the Newsletter that is to be mailed out this month.
- c) Lois suggested that other projects such as buttons, yard sale, ticket sales for events be used as fund raisers.
- d) The Steering Committee authorized her to obtain 50 tickets to the Arlene Mantle album-launching party if we get a commission to keep +/- \$5.00 of the \$20.00 charge for each ticket sold.

4. C.A.P./Left Caucus Relations

David Tomczak

- a) David reported that the previously planned joint meeting between the two bodies was cancelled and rescheduled for October 22nd.
- b) The representatives from the Left Caucus will be David, Manfred, Leslie and Bob Kasher.

The purposes of the meeting are:

- i) a merger/fusion between C.A.P. and L.C.
- ii) mobilizing the left for the Federal Convention in March '87 in Montreal
- iii) plan the details of the programme of the November 29th Conference.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Wednesday, October 29, 1986 8:00 P.M.

Toronto Board of Education - 7th floor cafeteria lounge

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Bill Clinton

Lois Bedard

MINUTES OF C.A.P. - LEFT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

WED. OCTOBER 22, 1986 - TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION
7TH FLOOR LOUNGE

<u>Present</u>	C.A.P. Representatives	Judy Rebbick	(h) 654-8130
		George Ehring	(h) 267-5846 (w) 965 8759
	Left Caucus Delegates	Lois Bedard	(h) 233-1582
		Manfred Netzel	(h) 651-4123

Agenda

- Role and Function of Left N.D.P. organizations in Ontario
- November 29th Joint Conference of C.A.P. and Left Caucus

Tentative Agenda for the Joint Conference Location: Toronto-Board-of-Education
D.E.C.

A Friday, Nov. 28

8:00 p.m.	Presentation of a Speaker	<u>Svend Robinson, M.P., Justice Critic, N.D.P.</u>
8:40 p.m.	Questions and Answers	<u>NOT AVAILABLE</u>
9:20 p.m.	Comments from the Floor	<u>DAN HEAP</u> <u>INNUIT OF LABRADOR</u>
	- - - - -	<u>DAN HEAP</u>

Admission charge: \$5.00 employed
\$3.00 fixed income

Refreshments available at cost plus

Book displays and tables

B. Saturday, Nov. 29 - Morning

Tentative Agenda

9:00 Registration. \$10.00 employed. \$5.00 fixed income

9:30 - 10:30 Panel Presentation (15 minutes each)

- ✓ 1) Svend Robinson, M.P. Burnaby, Justice Critic (Judy Rebbick)
- 2) Jean Paul Harney, Leader, Quebec N.D.P. (David Tomczak) JUDY
- 3) Dan Heap, M.P. Spadina, Critic Central America, Foreign Policy, Disarmament (David Tomczak)
- 4) ~~Marion Dewar, Party Chairperson~~ Paulene Jewett ? (Lois Bedard)

10:30 - 10:45 Nutrition Break

11:00 - 12:30 - 11:30 - 12:00 Questions and Answers

12:00 - 12:30 Contributions from the floor

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch Break - in the area - on your own

1:30 Registration re-opens for new attendees

2:00 - 3:15 Panel Presentation

Future Ontario Left N.D.P. Members' Organization

15 min. presentations by selected activists on:

- One body focussed on activities relevant to O.N.D.P. ?
eg. public forums, Ontario newsletter and Provincial Council
- One body focussed on less ambitious programme?
eg. N.D.P. Conventions, Federal and Provincial
O.N.D.P. Council

Left Caucus continues with an expanded role with C.A.P. dissolved or fused? (with or without a name change)

- Left Caucus continues, C.A.P. continues, with a new mandate and we form an Activist Caucus? (Coalition)

- Left Caucus continues. C.A.P. continues? *Barry*

3:15 - 3:30 Nutrition Break

3:30 - 4:30 Discussion and Adjournment.

Emphasis: Issues and policy difference and activism.

Day care?

BUDGET

Both organizations have or will have debts. The C.A.P. made at least two appeals in 1986 but the extent of their debt is indefinite at present.

The Left Caucus' current balance will be consumed to mail ± 600 members their only 1986 financial appeal and the call to their fall 1986 programme.

The Left Caucus has not yet made its 1986 appeal

Anticipated financial costs for November 28 and 29 -

1. Facilities:	Toronto-Board-of-Education, D.E.G.	Neither available.	
	Friday & Saturday Bloor Collegiate auditorium.	BOOKED.	\$256.00 <u>Minim</u>
2. Refreshments:	Friday, Nov. 28	\$ 12.00	
	Saturday, Nov. 29	<u>40.00</u>	\$ 52.00
3. Publicity:	Flyer - 1,000 copies of 8½ x 11, typeset & photocopied	\$ 250.00	
	Mailing: 600 persons x 34¢		<u>204.00</u>
		<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>Approximately \$ 800.00</u>

Suggested Responsibilities

To launch the meeting, we will have:

- a) David Tomczak do labels for mailing
- b) George Ehring, envelopes and billing on stamps
- c) Flyer, Lois Bedard
- d) Mailing To be recruited

Income for Joint Convention of 100 Partipants

1. Registration and Admission	a) Friday, Nov. 28	100 x $\frac{\$5.00 + \$2.00}{2}$	\$ 350.00
2. Registration and Admission	b) Saturday, Nov. 29	100 x $\frac{\$10.00 + \$5.00}{2}$	\$ 750.00
		Maximum income	1,100.00

Income	\$1,100.00	MINIMUM OF 100 REGISTRANTS
Less Expenditures	<u>800.00</u>	MINIMUM

Result POSSIBLE ? \$ 300.00
DEFICIT/PROFIT TO BE SHARED EQUALLY BY LEFT CAUCUS AND C.A.P.

New Business

Mailing Committee To be recruited by all

Public Distributions of Flyer Committee and Postering To be recruited by all.

Press & Publicity To be recruited by all.

NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER

13 BLOOR COLL INST.
STAFF ROOM 5:00PM

NOTE: Page 2, 1. Facilities: The following locations are not available when contacted by Lois Bedard on Friday, Oct. 24th: Toronto Board of Education, College St.;

- Toronto Board of Education, College St.
- 519 Church St. Community Centre
- Development, Educational Centre, College St.
- 58 Sumach, Dixon Hall
- St. Paul's Trinity Church, Bloor St.

SINCE BLOOR COLLEGIATE AUDITORIUM WAS FREE FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. AT APPROXIMATELY \$265.00, I HAVE BOOKED THE AUDITORIUM AND FOYER.

Lois Bedard

NOTICE OF MEETING

Nail

TO: The Left Caucus Steering Committee
FROM: Co-Chairs: David Tomczak & Lois Be'dard
Secretary: Chris Ross

Meeting: Please arrange to meet on Monday September 29th at 8:00 p.m.
Place: Lois Be'dard's home, 3 Hazelridge Drive, Toronto 233-1582

NEWSLETTER

We have in mind an October newsletter for cross Canada mailing.

- (1) To review the Convention; CAP; Education etc.
- (2) To solicit donations and renewals
- (3) To plan the present fall programme and future 1987 activities

CONVENTION

Conference

We propose a full Convention of the Left Caucus on November 15 & 16 or November 22 & 23.

- (1) To elect a steering committee
- (2) To participate in strategy sessions for the March Federal Convention of the NDP in Montreal.
- (3) To participate in stimulating special session on:

<u>Justice</u>	Sven Robinson?	<i>Nov 29th</i>
<u>Foriegn Affairs</u>	Dan Heaps?	and/or Pauline Jewitt
<u>NATO/NORAD</u>		
<u>Quebec</u>	Jean-Paul Harney	
<i>federal convention</i>	<i>What should Left Be doing</i>	
- (4) To discuss activitating the Left in the NDP. Whether the Left Caucus Regular meetings? Forums? Study Sessions?

YOUR CONCERNS

Bring your ideas and suggestions
Monday September 29th at 8:00 p.m.

See You there !!!!!

Regrets to Lois at 233-1582

November 9, 1986

To ONDP Left Caucus Supporters and other interested New Democrats:

Organizing is underway for our annual conference to plan activities for the coming year. Once again we are appealing for funds to carry on the important political work of the left in the Ontario NDP.

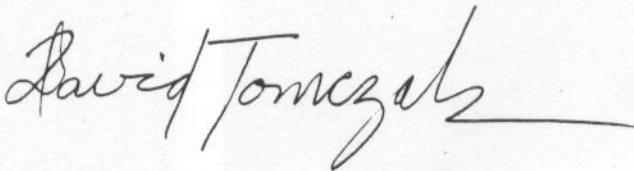
This year we have organized the conference in conjunction with the Campaign for an Activist Party, which ran candidates for the provincial executive of the party at the June convention and attracted many new activists to the politics of the left. C.A.P. still has debts from the campaign and as a result the Left Caucus is funding the conference.

The Left Caucus also suspended its normal fundraising activities during the whole period of time that C.A.P. was organizing its campaign. Therefore the Left Caucus is appealing for donations to properly fund the conference and to ensure that sufficient money is available to produce and distribute newsletters, organize forums and finance other activities in 1987.

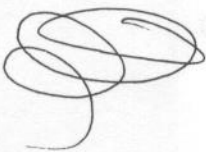
Donations should be sent to the Left Caucus mailing address: Box 92, Station G, 1075 Queen Street East, Toronto M4M 1H0; or to Manfred Netzel, ONDP Left Caucus Steering Committee, 61 Ashburnham Road, Toronto M6H 2K4.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ONDP Left Caucus.

In solidarity,



DAVID TOMCZAK
Co-chair, Steering Committee
ONDP Left Caucus



MINUTES

Left Caucus

held at Bloor Collegiate
Thursday, November 14th, 1986

PRESENT: Lois Bedard
Dorise Bolt
Paul Hetherington
Manfred Netzel
David Tomczak
Tina Zink

REGRETS: Dianne Meaghan

Lois Bedard presented the Agenda for the meeting as follows:

1. Minutes of October 29
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Left Caucus Newsletter
4. November 19th Meeting
5. CAP/LC Meeting & Agenda
6. L.C. Activities on November 29th
7. December 6th Provincial Council Meeting

Minutes of October 29th Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Manfred Netzel reported he had opened a bank account with National Trust at St. Clair and Dufferin and that the current balance was \$329.00.

Lois advised of expenses incurred for newsletter (700 copies). Extra copies were made to be placed on display tables at the November 29th conference. She advised that there will also be statements received for expenses in printing notice of November 19th event but that it was hoped Harry Kopyto would cover this expense from collection to be taken at November 19th meeting. Lois advised she would prepare a financial statement of her expenditures for Manfred and submit same to him for payment.

Manfred made the point that if the newsletter is to be produced on a regular basis, funds will have to be raised in between to cover the cost of mailings. Lois pointed out that the envelopes are free so that the only cost is in stamps and the production of the newsletter itself.

Moved by Manfred Netzel, seconded by Paul Hetherington that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

Left Caucus Newsletter

Lois reported on the putting together of the latest newsletter. She advised that volunteer articles were submitted and that the article on Dan Heap's Petition Against NATO was prepared subsequent to receipt of Paul Hetherington's article. She pointed out that Paul had already submitted his article to she and Ross before David could recommend he put a hold on it for the time being. The newsletter was mailed with flyers concerning the November 19th meeting and David's appeal letter for funding.

Lois suggested future newsletters should be mailed to former members to keep them informed as to what has been happening, for example, the change in name. Articles should be written on the November 19th and November 29th meetings for insertion in the next newsletter. Also some thought should be given to obtaining an editor for the newsletter.

Dorise made the suggestion that articles be obtained from the General Membership also which could be screened by an Editorial Board. She asked if any thought had been given to taking photographs of events for inclusion in the newsletter and it was decided that Manfred would take photos at the November 19th event to be shown at the November 29th Conference.

David then reported on the poor state of the mailing list. He commended Lois and Ross for their excellent work on the newsletter and on getting it out on time for the upcoming events. At this point, he expressed some concerns about the title "Celebrating the Unification . . ." on the flyer. He felt it was premature in that it was anticipating a positive outcome at the Conference on the question of unification of the CAP and Left Caucus groups. He advised he had spoken to Judy Rebeck and that she had expressed her reservations about such a projection, therefore, he had reproduced the flyer eliminating the aforementioned wording which would then be mailed to the CAP members advising of the meeting.

At this point, Lois explained why she had prepared the notice with those particular words and expressed reservations about forwarding a notice different from the first to the CAP members. She felt a further flyer should be sent but only to indicate the Guest Speaker. Dorise asked for clarification from the last meeting as to what the feelings of Judy and George Ehring were on the subject of unification and upon receiving clarification, agreed that perhaps the title could be misleading. David advised that Judy would be out of town for a couple of weeks before the November 29th meeting and therefore would not be available for further discussion on the unification proposal. Lois suggested we call a meeting and see who comes.

Minutes of Meeting held November 14, 1986

Left Caucus Activities on November 29th

Lois advised Left Caucus activities could not be discussed at this time.

December 6th Provincial Council Meeting

Lois suggested that the Committee meet after the November 29th Conference to discuss strategy and resolutions for the upcoming Council meeting.

Other Business

David undertook to complete the mandate of the Left Caucus for presentation at the Conference.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on November 20th and David will undertake to ask Beare Wethrup to obtain the staff room for us. Dorise to check with either David or Lois to confirm.

The Campaign for an Activist Party

invites you to a fundraising dinner.

Friday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.
(the evening before the conference)

at Crispins Restaurant
64 Gerrard Street East
(at the N.W. corner of Gerrard + Church)
Toronto.

C.A.P. candidates will be in attendance.

For reservations call Manfred Netzel
(416) 651-4123 and leave a message
on his machine.

All proceeds to pay off the remainder
of the C.A.P. debt.

Written + produced by volunteer labour.

7700

Celebrating the Unification of the Campaign for an Activist Party and the ONDP Left Caucus

**A CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING THE LEFT
in the Ontario NDP and to plan its participation
in the March '87 Montreal federal convention**

Saturday Nov. 29 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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MINUTES

LEFT CAUCUS CONFERENCE

held on November 29, 1986

Toronto Board of Education
155 College Street

Lois Bedard presided as Chairperson

As the principle speaker had not as yet arrived, a Resolution on Central America was introduced to the Conference by Julie Leonard of Spadina Riding, the sponsors of the Resolution. The resolution was adopted by the Conference with one amendment proposed by Marv Gandall on Page 2 of the Resolution. (Copy of Resolution with amendment attached).

Gord Doctorow then spoke on the demise of capitalist parties and the crisis within the New Democratic Party. He touched on the ideas put forward by some of the speakers at Forum 2000, ie. full employment concept. He spoke about the need for discussion forums and the need for leadership in the New Democratic movement if there is to be a future for socialism.

(At this point, the keynote speaker Clare Brossard arrived.)

Diane Meaghan introduced Clare to the Conference.

Prior to giving her main address, Clare gave the Conference some background on herself and the Quebec New Democrats. Upon doing so, she immediately went into the question of the Quebec constitution and the current debate being put forward by the Bourassa government in that Province. She stressed that the Quebec New Democrats want no part of the current constitutional agreement; that a separate identity is required. She advised that a special committee had been struck to draft a constitution which would affirm Quebec's existence and establish principles to promote development, protection of the French language and rights of native people in Quebec. She pointed out that the committee was completely autonomous (no party input or presence). She then cited some previous resolutions put forward at past Federal NDP Conventions and punctuated it with the fact that the upcoming Federal Convention would determine the fate of the NDP in Quebec, that is, if the current status quo position remains, the NDP will lose all support in Quebec. She advised they will be drafting a resolution for presentation to the Convention but that it would not be available prior to the Convention date for Riding approval.

Discussion followed Clare's remarks and it was evident that there was much support for the position taken by the Quebec New Democrats on the constitutional question. It was resolved that the Ridings, both Federal and Provincial should attempt to obtain speakers from Quebec to inform the membership of Quebec's position and the necessity for debate within the Party.

The next speaker was Steve Shallhorn of the Toronto Disarmament Network. He spoke about the Conference which was held in Winnipeg in September resulting in the formation of the Canadian Peace Alliance. That Conference he said stressed the need for local and regional action to put pressure on the Federal Government regarding defence matters. He cited recent efforts of regional campaigns in Goose Bay, Labrador; Bagotville, Quebec; Richard Johnson's Private Member's Bill in Ontario; and opposition in B.C. to nuclear war ships visiting Vancouver harbour. The question of NATO was discussed and it was felt that a complete dissolution was necessary rather than withdrawal.

The floor was opened for questions. Marv Gandall suggested trying to influence other countries on the question of NATO. On the question of why the Peace Conference adopted a policy of non-alignment to any particular political party, Steve replied that bourgeois elements do not wish to be seen aligned to any particular party, therefore, to keep their support, it is necessary to remain neutral in this area. He also pointed out that the NDP was not represented at the Conference. Phil Jones questioned the validity of dissolving NATO, citing the need to defend our borders. Harry Payne remarked how the Peace Movement today, in his opinion, has copped out re non-political affiliation and that it has also rejected affiliates, such as the NDP Anti-War Party. Steve admitted that because of the economic ramifications of defence spending, the class question (which the NDP addresses) cannot be overlooked.

Judy Rebeck then spoke on the choice issue. She advised the issue of choice will be one of the major issues to be addressed at the upcoming Federal convention in Montreal. She outlined what has been happening across the country on the question of abortion: B.C. has the best position on choice question in that a coalition has been established and clinics are being set up; in Alberta, Drs. are refusing to do abortions and support for free-standing clinics is declining; the Manitoba NDP has betrayed women on this issue in that province; in Ontario, clinics are operating and another clinic will be opening on December 10th; in Quebec, the province has refused to prosecute Doctors who are performing abortions and a coalition is being formed at the present time by various Quebec groups on the question of choice. In the Maritime Provinces, Judy advised that in PEI, no abortions are being performed whatsoever, the same thing applies in N.S. except that within the first fourteen weeks only abortions can be performed. Judy pointed out that it was important to be organized before going into the next Federal Convention on this issue and that the POW was putting a resolution together. She noted that the 'pay equity' question was also important as was the question of employment equity (under Bill C-62, employers are required only to report their progress in this area). She advised the Conference that unions are now seeing questionnaires being circulated within their place of employment questioning members on how they 'perceive' their social habits, such as drug addiction, alcoholism, etc.

At this point, Manfred Netzel advised the Conference that so far it was a money-losing proposition and requested donations from those attending to help cover the cost of the Conference.

The Chairperson then introduced David Tomczak to address the Conference on the direction of the Left within the Party and the proposed unification of CAP and the Left Caucus. David advised that organizing was required at the Riding level and that the Party should be approached at some level to organize discussion; he acknowledged the contribution of the Campaign for an Activist Party in mobilizing the left and bringing in new activists to the Party; he touched on the question of the separate school issue and its impact at the Provincial Convention through the efforts of the NDPPE. He pointed out that the Party has a mandate to carry on till the next election campaign and that therefore, there is a great need for one solid group to poll together certain tasks. Discussion then ensued as to how to proceed in future.

Harry Kopyto pointed out that there are many issues that still need to be resolved; that there is demoralization within the Ridings but that the membership are not prepared at this time to take on the leadership. He concluded by saying there is a need for the Left Caucus to exist.

Barry Weisletter advised he was in agreement with Harry and added the question of the labour vote at the Provincial Convention. He pointed out that although we make inroads into the labour movement, it doesn't always translate into votes. He felt the Campaigns Department Resolution should be a Federal Convention priority.

Marv Gandall pointed out that the issues are there and that Convention is merely a forum for change on policy direction; that priorities need to be set. He would like to see the Steering Committee focus in on these issues and work with the Riding Associations in preparation for convention.

Gord Doctorow reiterated that the Left Caucus must maintain its momentum between Conventions and sees education as its major function.

Manfred Netzel pointed out that if CAP wishes to continue, it must become more national in scope and mentioned the poor attendance at the fundraising dinner the night before.

Judy Rebeck made the point that CAP no longer existed; that it only functioned for the purposes of the Provincial Convention and sees the Left Caucus as the only organized group on the left at the moment. She made the comment that she very much feels the Left Caucus has a narrow perspective and feels this needs to be addressed to be an effective group.

MOTION:

Barry Weisletter moved, seconded by Anne -----, that the name the name of the left caucus be changed to Campaign for an Activist Party.

Judy proposed this would be counterproductive. Harry Kopyto feels name is not important.

Motion defeated.

MOTION:

Ross Dowson moved, seconded by Paul Hetherington, that the name of the the left caucus remain Left Caucus.

Carried.

MOTION:

Gord Doctorow moved, seconded by Anne -----, that a telegram be sent by this Conference to Peter Fenwick, the leader of the Newfoundland NDP acknowledging his efforts on behalf of labour.

Carried.

MOTION:

Barry Weisletter moved, seconded by Anne -----, that the Left Caucus organize a public forum on the question of Quebec and its constitutional rights, to be held prior to the Federal Convention.

Judy proposed a friendly amendment suggesting sponsorship from area ridings and labour councils. Accepted.

Carried.

MOTION:

Barry Weisletter moved, seconded by Anne -----, that we develop a resolution calling for a Campaigns Department similar to that introduced at the Provincial Convention.

This Motion was referred for further discussion.

Elections:

PRESENTATION TO THE LEFT CAUCUS CONVENTION O.N.D.P.

AND THE O.N.D.P. CAMPAIGN FOR AN ACTIVIST PARTY

NOVEMBER 29, 1986

PRESENTED BY CLAIRE BRASSARD

VICE PRESIDENT, QUEBEC N.D.P.

TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRE

For several months, Robert Bourassa's liberal government has endeavoured to reopen constitutional negotiations with the stated objective of causing Quebec to become party to the 1982 Constitutional Agreement in exchange for concessions from the federal government and the government of other provinces.

The least we can say is that beyond speeches made on this topic, the reopening of the constitutional negotiations is far from being certain and the steps taken by the Bourassa government have up to now had rather spotty results. Of course, the Premiers of the nine provinces who signed the 1982 agreements accepted to resume negotiations on the basis of the five demands made by the Quebec government, but they also expressed massive disagreement on anything which could amount to a particular status for Quebec. For one, the federal Brian Mulroney government, if it supports the Bourassa government efforts to resume negotiations, was rather careful in its statements and made quite sure it took no position on the principle of the issues raised by Quebec. Chances of seeing this new constitutional round air borne are so uncertain that Prime Ministers Mulroney and Bourassa secured an alibi by stating it would be catastrophic if a new failure on constitutional issues were to result and it would be preferable not to reopen negotiations unless there are serious guarantees that a generally acceptable agreement would result.

Nevertheless, the constitutional issue will be one of the major items on the political agenda in coming months. And even though many Quebecers feel considerably tired of hearing discussions on this issue, the Quebec New Democratic Party considers that the impact of our collective future is such that a democratic debate in depth should not be avoided.

The Injustice of 1982

It is important to remember the facts. Quebec is not responsible for the constitutional situation we experience today. The constitutional agreements of 1982 were the results of strong arm tactics against Quebec. In no way did they implement the solemn commitments made by the Trudeau government at the time of the 1980 referendum to renew Canadian federalism. Those agreements were made in the back and in the absence of Quebec. They are the expression of an unacceptable coercion against the people of Quebec. To a certain extent, such agreements represent major setbacks for Quebec and threaten its future.

Like a majority of organizations, representative of the Quebec community, the New Democratic Party of Quebec repeats that it does not recognize the legitimacy of

the 1982 constitutional agreements which were imposed on the people of Quebec.

One could consider that being responsible for the 1982 injustice, the federal government and the government of the signing provinces should have shown some initiative and proposed to Quebec ways and means of correcting such injustices. It is obvious that this was not the case. However, we consider that the Bourassa liberal government does not have in this matter to adopt the position of a beggar. It does not have to negotiate concessions on the historic rights and aspirations of Quebec under the shaky pretence that we should come under this constitution which is not ours.

Since we remember the constitutional coup d'etat of 1982, we cannot ignore the responsibility of the previous government of the Parti Quebecois. Let us not forget that this government will go down in history as the one under which the rights of Quebecers will have been shrunk the most. We cannot forget that this disaster was also a consequence of the irresponsible strategy of this government which got involved in negotiations even though it omitted to obtain some legitimacy and solid bargaining power; by short-circuiting the democratic processes which should have caused it first to submit its objectives to a thorough public debate and at the very least to seek approval from the Quebec National Assembly; by skipping the essential step of a genuine mobilization of the people behind its objectives.

Disregard for Democracy

The people of Quebec must draw an important political lesson from the events which led to the heavy blow of 1982: whenever a Quebec government disregards democracy, refuses to find support in the sovereignty of the people and usurps the right to negotiate the future of Quebec without solid support from the people, Quebec suffers a long slide backwards.

This is a lesson that Pierre Marc Johnson's Parti Quebecois did not learn in the short period it led Quebec after Rene Levesque's resignation; it expressed a willingness to get involved in negotiations to bring Quebec into the fold of the constitutional agreements, and proposed a set of prerequisites which had in no way been subjected to a democratic debate in the population, or in the National Assembly, or even within his own party.

What is Bourassa's government doing today if not dragging Quebec into the same rut. Of course some will say that the five demands he is tabling today for negotiations

(Nov. 29, 1986)

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From where we stand the success of the Ontario Left Caucus conference which is designed to fuse ~~the~~ OLC with the Campaign for an Activist Party supporters this coming Saturday is by no means assured. As you ~~xxxx~~ probably know the restructuring of the NDP Toronto ridings appears to be bogged down. The hip media campaign being promoted by the leadership would appear to further remove the party's future away from the membership's participation and into the control of public relations and money raising dazzle of the party machine. While the public meeting held by the Left Caucus in defence of Harry Kopyto was by far the most successful forum that we have held it was not what we would have anticipated in view of the high profile the Kopyto suite has been having. To our knowledge while there many persons we had not seen before--traditional left caucus supporters and in particular CAP supporters were notably absent

Of course this Saturday's conference must be a success and starting off right at 9 with the address of a leader of the Quebec NDP

We anticipate that you will do ~~everything~~ possible ~~to~~ to assure th at the united body heads into the New Year and the coming federal convention in the best possible shape

A CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING THE LEFT
in the Ontario NDP and to plan its participation
in the March '87 Montreal federal convention

Saturday Nov. 29 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRE (Cafeteria) 155 College St.**

REGISTRATION: 9:00 TO 9:30 AM

MORNING SESSION

9:30 - 9:50	WOMEN'S ISSUES	JUDY REBICK
9:50 - 10:10	N.D.P. IN QUEBEC	CLAIRE BROSSARD PRESIDENT OF QUE. NDP
10:10 - 10:30	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	
10:30 - 10:45	REFRESHMENTS BREAK	
10:45 - 11:05	CANADA - A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE	T.D.N.
11:05 - 11:25	TASKS FOR THE LEFT NDP IN CANADA	GORDON DOCTOROW
11:25 - 11:45	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH BREAK - IN LOCAL RESTAURANTS	

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 - 2:00	REGISTRATION	
2:00 - 2:20	BUILDING THE UNITED LEFT IN ONTARIO	DAVID TOMCZAK
2:20 - 3:30	ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE ONTARIO LEFT - CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	
3:30 - 4:15	NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF A UNITY STEERING COMMITTEE 1987 - 1988	
4:15	ADJOURNMENT	

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PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS.

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Left Caucus Meeting
December 16, 1986

MINUTES LEFT CAUCUS held on

Tuesday, December 16, 1986

ATTENDEES:

Lois Bedard	Diane Meaghan
Esther Bisoon	Manfred Netzel
Dorise Bolt	Judy Rebick
Bill Clinton	Jeff Smith
Gord Doctorow	Tina Zink
Paul Hetherington	
Harry Kopyto	

Absent: David Tomczak

A report was given by the Treasurer as follows:

Balance	\$ 379.00
Donation	100.00
Revenue received from Conference	<u>590.00</u>
	1,069.00
Conference Costs	<u>702.98</u>
Net Balance	\$ 366.02

Meetings and Forums

Gord Doctorow put forward his idea for monthly meetings which would comprise both business and educational matters whereby members would be invited to attend the educational portion. He felt this was necessary if the Left was to develop politically. He also discussed the idea of public forums.

Paul Hetherington expressed some concern with respect to time. Esther Bisoon raised the question of sufficient notice being sent to members concerning these meetings. Dorise Bolt registered her concern about whether monthly meetings were feasible in light of other work to be done in the ridings and proposed the idea of general meetings to be held every two-three months as was done in provincial ridings.

Forum on Quebec

Judy Rebick suggested MTAC and others organize a forum on Quebec adding that Ridings could co-sponsor. She also suggested inviting the FTQ and representatives of the women's movement. Such a forum should be held over a weekend and after some discussion, it was decided that such a forum could take place the weekend of February 21st/22nd. The question then arose as to where such a forum could be held. Some suggestions were Queen's Park (permit would be required from Rosemary Barr), City Hall and OFL Building. It was pointed out that City Hall now costs money and that the OFL building is in an awkward location for TTC users on a Sunday especially. As for Queen's Park, there was some reservation about a meeting of this type being held at that location.

Diane Meaghan as head of the Forums Committee would arrange the speakers. It was felt that should the Metro Labour Council agree to sponsor this event, that a representative from the Montreal Labour Council should be invited to attend. Judy volunteered to approach the Montreal Labour Council for a contact.

Task Designation

Judy Rebick - contact Mike Lyons of the Metropolitan Labour Council
Lois Bedard - contact MTAC spokesperson

Diane, as head of the Forums Committee, would be kept informed by both Judy and Gord as to progress in this matter.

Lois proposed that Mike Lyons would be best person to approach John Harney about attending as Guest Speaker.

Once the forum was organized, it was proposed that as many Ridings as possible be contacted about co-sponsoring and that a mailing also be done. Esther Bisoon proposed that a flyer be prepared for Ridings who planned January mailings setting out the details of the forum. However, it was generally felt that there would not be sufficient detail known in time for such mailings due to the Christmas holiday period.

This then raised the question of the need for a newsletter committee. Bill Clinton volunteered to assist Paul Hetherington. The newsletter committee would comprise Tina Zink, Gord Doctorow, Esther Bisoon, Bill Clinton and Paul Hetherington.

Lois raised the question about funding for the newsletter. It was generally felt that an overall Budget was required for Caucus activities. This would have to be discussed further once proposals for caucus activities was better known. The idea of subscription payments to the newsletter was discussed however Lois pointed out that as an independent group, we could only request donations. It was agreed the next newsletter should be forwarded at the beginning of February in time for the planned Quebec Forum.

Lois then gave a Provincial Council report citing that Caucus reports were now done by video with no opportunity for one-on-one discussion after such reports. She pointed out that no agenda was handed out prior to the meeting and that delegates were technically only observers rather than participants.

It was moved by Lois, seconded by Gord, that the secretary send a letter on behalf of the Left Caucus requesting that Provincial Council return to the practice of forwarding agendas to delegates prior to Council meetings for discussion with their ridings prior to attendance and that time be allocated for questions following each Council report.

CARRIED

The next meeting of the Left Caucus would be held on Thursday, January 22nd and Lois agreed to advise members of time and place.

Meeting adjourned.

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December 30, 1986

Dear Friend

It has now been about six months since the 1986 ONDP Convention. While the Campaign for an Activist Party made an important impact on the convention; there does not seem to be a lot of interest in continuing CAP in an organized form between conventions.

The joint CAP/Left Caucus conference held on November 29 was not well attended by CAP supporters. It seems that most CAP supporters are more interested in organizing a broad left around specific issues at convention time than in an ongoing organized left.

Left Caucus will continue to play the role of an ongoing left presence in the party for those who wish to be involved. We feel that at this point it makes sense to formally dissolve CAP. We are certain that, if necessary, the same forces can unite again at the next convention to organize around issues or elections.

We very much appreciate your past support. At this point CAP still has a debt of about \$1,900. The CAP Co-ordinating Committee felt there was support for a professionally organized campaign that presented our ideas in an attractive way. Our efforts to make CAP as democratic as possible were also costly in terms of mailings and room rentals. Our total expenses were \$8,000. This included :

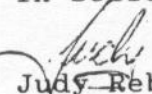
Co-ordinator	\$2,400	Printing	\$3,000
Mailings	1,000	Convention Exp.	400
Loan Interest	300	Room Rentals	900

To date we have raised \$6,100, which leaves \$900 in a bank loan and about \$1,000 owing to the printer. We would very much like to dissolve CAP debt free.

We are once again asking for your financial support in paying off this debt. Any donation would be most welcome. We have enclosed a return envelope for your convenience.

We look forward to working with you again at future conventions and Party events. Best wishes for the new year.

In Solidarity


Judy Rebick

PS. Please make your cheque payable to the "Campaign for an Activist Party."